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### RECOVERY FROM FINANCIAL PANIC

#### Reports on Condition of New York State Banks Are Satisfactory

#### INCREASE OF RESERVES

#### Few Depositors Make Withdrawals From City's Savings Banks

New York, Dec. 26.—Under the call of the state banking department for reports of their conditions of December 19 twenty-one trust companies and twenty-nine state banks of Greater New York have filed their formal statements. While the effects of the recent storm are plainly evident, especially in regard to those few institutions against whom the attack seemed most directed, the statements as a whole bear testimony of the quick recovery generally made and the unwavering confidence of the great body of depositors.

The reports also show that certain of the state banks of New York city did their share towards relieving the financial situation in other cities. They accomplished this by accepting from the local national banks a large quantity of clearing house certificates leaving the national banks in a position to employ their cash in relief of customers and correspondents in the interior. The extent to which the New York national banks depleted their own reserve to avert the threatened crisis has already been shown in the reports of the treasury department at Washington.

The twenty-nine state banks of New York, Brooklyn and the other boroughs of Greater New York, which have so far reported, show aggregate deposits of \$225,000,000 not including amounts due to other banks and trust companies. Of this enormous sum, the net loss in withdrawals since August 2 last amounted to only \$3,056,117. The losses were distributed among 18 banks, with total withdrawals of \$13,925,761, while eleven banks showed an aggregate gain of \$10,869,644. The New York City banks, under state jurisdiction further helped out the general financial situation by paying back the national banks much of the money on deposit by the latter institutions. Fifteen of the state banks show heavy decreases in the amounts due to other banks.

Allowing for all withdrawals and the purchase of clearing house certificates, which are now held as collateral, the state banks indicated their prosperous condition by maintaining cash reserves in some instances far in excess of the fifteen per cent required by the state laws. One of the largest holders of the certificates shows a reserve of 24 per cent. Only one estate bank took advantage of its membership in the clearing house association to issue certificates, which are now outstanding, a liability item of \$520,000. Nine of the state banks hold clearing house certificates to the extent of \$7,100,000. Loans and discounts show a decrease in the statements of nineteen of the banks, while the values of stocks, bonds, mortgages, taxes and items of resource, also show a general shrinkage. A majority of the banks show an increase of cash on hand. Especially is this true of specie, which attained a wider circulation in New York during the financial crisis than for many years past.

The report of the Trust Company of America, which withstood a run of many days, was awaited with much interest. It shows a net decline in cash reserve of less than one per cent since August last. The cash reserve of the company now on hand is \$3,354,223, a percentage of 16.7, as against the legal 15 per cent required by law. The reserve of the company last August was something more than \$11,000,000, or 17.52 per cent of the deposits. The capital of the Trust company of America, as with all the other companies submitting reports, remains unimpaired. This showing of the company is made despite the fact that during the run it paid out more than \$50,000,000. Part of this came from the \$20,000,000 turned over to the institution by the committee of trust companies which came to the relief of the Trust Company of America, when it was in need. The total amount of deposits now on the company's books is \$20,193,402, as shown by the December statement.

Today was the date of the expiration of most of the sixty-day withdrawal notices required by the savings banks at the height of the panic in October, but scarcely a depositor called for his money. The banks expected few demands, as they were convinced the feeling of financial unrest was practically over. In most cases today's withdrawals were more than offset by deposits.

A depositor's account of \$4,148 in the Knickerbocker Trust company, which suspended during the financial depression, was sold at auction today for \$688, sixty cents on the dollar. The sale was made at a weekly auction of stocks and bonds. Last week an account of \$1,000 was bid in by the owner at 66 cents on the dollar.

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### IMMIGRATION FOR PAST SEVEN YEARS

Figures Show Increase in Proportion of English Speaking People

Year	Total	English Speaking
1901	49,000	31,000
1902	67,000	46,000
1903	124,000	98,000
1904	131,000	98,000
1905	150,000	118,000
1906	216,000	164,000
1907	280,000	210,000

### FAMINE IN TURKEY

Bread and Other Necessities of Life Are Higher in Price Than for Many Years

Boston, Dec. 26.—The American board of commissioners for foreign missions has received advices from the interior of Turkey showing unusually severe famine conditions. Bread is double its usual price. The prices for other necessities are four or five times higher than fifteen years ago.

### PETTIBONE'S TRIAL

Motion for Verdict of Acquittal is Denied—Defense Case Opened by Mr. Darrow

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 26.—Judge Wood today denied the motion filed by the defense in the Pettibone trial that a verdict of acquittal be advised by the court.

Too ill to stand while speaking to the jury, Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the defense in the Pettibone trial, sat in his chair this afternoon as he outlined his case. He spoke with effort and never raised his voice above a conversational tone.

The members of the jury and an audience that crowded the court room listened to every word from the Chicago attorney's lips as he explained the theory of the defense. Darrow's statement made it evident that a great degree of the same line of defense will be followed as in the Haywood trial.

### Millionaire's Death.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—Leopold Vollsaack, 68 years old, a millionaire banker, brewer and property owner of this city, died of heart failure at his home today.

### San Francisco Blaze.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Fire destroyed four buildings and damaged two on Mission street, between First and Main, shortly before daybreak today, and did estimated damage as high as \$200,000.

### New Zealand's Way.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Canadian Trade Commissioner Larkie reports the introduction of a bill in the New Zealand parliament to prevent the prices of bread and other commodities from mounting too high. By it it is reached a point judged improper by the court of arbitration the government may abolish the duties on the products in question. The government may also after an interval of three months reimpose the duties.

### Grand Trunk's Appeal

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The railway commission has decided to grant the application of the Grand Trunk railway for a delay of the commission's decision that under the company's charter they have to give a two cent a mile service between Toronto and Montreal. The company asked for delay until the Privy Council should have given a decision on the point. Thus the two cent rate cannot be enforced until a judgment has been obtained from the Privy Council.

### FIRE DESTROYS FAIR BUILDINGS

#### Main Exhibition Palace, Poultry and Machinery Halls Lost

#### WORK OF INCENDIARIES

#### The Fire Brigade Powerless to Check Flames Raging in Seasoned Timbers

By a fire, which broke out about 8 o'clock last evening, the main exhibition building, the poultry and machinery halls, the restaurant and one row of horse stables were totally destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown, but there is a strong suspicion that it was the work of an incendiary. The damage is estimated in the neighborhood of \$25,000. About half the loss is covered by insurance.

The first to detect the flames was W. McIntosh, the superintendent of the Old Men's home. At 8:15 o'clock he noticed a flame from the upper windows of the home and at first thought it was a lamp or light in the main exhibition building. A second later he saw the flames burst out from the upper windows. He at once gave the alarm, and at 8:30 Chief Watson arrived on the scene in advance of his men.

Short as was the time which had elapsed, the fire had made much headway, and smoke and flames were pouring from the front windows of the building. Fanned by a strong south-east wind, the fire spread rapidly, and the building was soon a mass of fire.

There is but one hydrant on the grounds, and when the hose carts arrived, a feeble stream of water was obtained but this proved of little value. The combination chemical and hose cart from the Yates street station, to complicate matters, was mired and stuck in the roadway leading up to the exhibition entrance, and a second later the big four ton steamer was also mired.

From all appearances the fire had started in the southeast corner on the main floor of the big building and the seasoned timber was literally licked up by the devastating element.

Across the intervening space, which separated the machinery and poultry halls from the larger building, the fire jumped and showers of sparks falling on the restaurant and the stables nearby were powerless to save the buildings. The roof and upper floor of the main building fell at 9 o'clock. It was only when the flames were spreading along the length of older stables to the new ones recently constructed, that their march was checked. By 10:30 there was nothing but the dying embers to show where the buildings had stood.

Mr. McIntosh, the caretaker of the Old Men's home, who first noticed the flames, had been working on the boat which he has been building by permission in the machinery hall. He crossed the grounds in the afternoon and everything was safe at that time. No suspicious characters have been seen in the neighborhood.

Considerable excitement was created by the sight of the flames which illuminated the sky. The crowd upon the street was that the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital was on fire and hundreds of people crowded the cars or walked to the scene. Six additional cars were placed upon the line and these could hardly handle the crowds.

The flames were visible for miles around and from Seattle there came word that a ship was on fire near the Canadian shore and particulars were demanded.

When the fire was under way, a telephone message was received at the police station from the officers of the Shearwater offering the services of a squad of men, but as little could be done, the thoughtful offer was not accepted.

City Detectives Perdus and McDonnell with other members of the police force co-operated with the chief and men of the fire brigade and a crowd of volunteers aided in the work of tearing down a portion of the stables in order to check the progress of the flames. The fire did not reach the gaps so that the efforts of the latter were wasted.

While the exact amount of insurance on the burned building could not be ascertained last night it was stated by the city assessor that insurance on the amount of over \$12,000 was carried. On the main building there was insurance of \$10,000; on the chicken house, \$1,500; on machinery hall, \$1,000, and also insurance on the sheds though in the latter case the amount could not be learned. There was no insurance on the old restaurant. The main building, chicken house and horse sheds were built in 1891 at a cost of \$25,000. The insurance is divided between the majority of companies doing business here.

### U. S. FLEET AT TRINIDAD

#### Officers of Battleships Entertained by the Governor—Attend Horse Races

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 26.—The captains of the American battleships and their staffs were entertained at luncheon today by Sir Henry Moore Jackson, the governor of Trinidad, and later were the guests of the governor at the horse races. The governor, an ideal and the race course thronged with officers and men of the fleet, with a holiday crowd. The American horses carried off the honors, being winners in nearly all the races, and the visitors gave themselves over to applauding these victories in an appropriate manner. The ships will have finished coaling by tomorrow noon. The thousands of the blue-jackets will be given shore leave. Most of them undoubtedly will find their way to the race track, where the contests have been more than ordinarily exciting.

### Three Children Drowned.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 26.—Three children of Enos Venitt, of Lower Northfield, N. S., were drowned in a pond near their parents' house yesterday. The father and mother had gone to church, but had warned the young folks not to skate. They disobeyed. When the parents returned the children were missing. Search was made, and all three were found in the same hole in the ice.

### Cotton Curtailment

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 26.—The agreement by the New England Cotton Manufacturers today to curtail production 25 per cent of the working time between January and March had been expected here. It is understood that all the Lowell mills, employing about 2,000 persons, will follow the plan. Some of the larger mills have been running at night, and their operations will not be so badly affected as those who work in mills that have been operating the daytime only.

### Murder at Brampton.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 26.—James Curry, farmer, eighty years old, was shot and instantly killed last night by his hired man, who was known as Jack. Mr. Curry's son and the hired man got into a row, and the old man entered the room to see what the trouble was, when he was shot. The hired man then threatened the son, but the latter grappled with him and managed to overpower him. The man is an Englishman, about 27 years old, and has been at Curry's a month. His name is unknown.

### Norwood Resident's Death.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—James Connolly, the horseman, who died yesterday in Ottawa was a resident of Norwood, a St. Boniface suburb, his home being St. Mary's road, in the south part of the town. He carried on business as a live stock trader. He recently went to Ottawa to visit friends, and had practically retired from active work on account of his advanced age. He was an Irishman by birth. Before coming west he was interested in horse racing.

### Killed by Strike-Breaker

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Joseph Park, who has been employed as a strikebreaker in the Erie shops at Susquehanna, was arrested late this afternoon, charged with the murder of John Sullivan at that place at noon today. It was with difficulty that the officers succeeded in getting the prisoner to the jail through the large crowd that had congregated, and from which were heard cries of "lynch him," "string him up." Coroner Merrill empaneled a jury and began an inquest into the shooting.

### WOMAN MURDERED IN BRUTAL MANNER

#### Nude Body Found in Pond in Outskirts of Newark, New Jersey

Newark, N. J., Dec. 26.—A murder combining the elements of mystery and deliberate cruelty that make it out of the ordinary was committed on the Hackensack meadows in the town of Harrison early today, and the nude body of the victim a comely woman of perhaps 30 years was found nearly submerged in the icy waters of a little pond. Only the feet projected when elements broke the ice in which the exposed portions were incriminated and dragged the body ashore this afternoon.

The dead woman was finely featured. Her hair and nails gave evidence of a recent and scrupulous toilet, and such of her clothing as was subsequently found was soft in texture and suggested style and an owner of refinement rather than one whose habits might lead her to frequent the vicinity of crime. The pond in which the body was thrown is made by the overflow from the Passaic river and is directly across the river from this city.

The body had not been identified to-night, and it was pretty well established that it was not that of a resident of this city or of Harrison. Its description does not correspond with any of the women reported to the police as missing. Two men who occupied a yacht moored near where the body was found are detained by the police, but the most important clue obtained was furnished tonight by Peter Coogan, a watchman employed by the Marine company, who recognized the body as that of a woman whom he had seen crossing the meadows in company with a man early today. Later he saw the man alone. He carried a bundle in his arms. The man was short and stout.

Coogan, whose duties keep him in the neighborhood of the murder, told the police: "While outdoors at 2 o'clock this morning I saw this woman in company with a man crossing the meadows, going in the direction of the pond. They passed so near me that I recognized the woman's features. Some time later, perhaps an hour, the man returned and again passed me, this time going in the direction from which the two had come, and I first saw them. This time the man was alone. In his arms he carried a bundle, which he had not had before. He was short and thick set." Coogan could not give a better description of the man.

Two girls returning to their homes in Harrison long after midnight this morning heard a woman's cries floating over the marsh land. They seemed to come from the direction of the pond and to the startled girls sounded like "Spare me," and "Help." Nearer home

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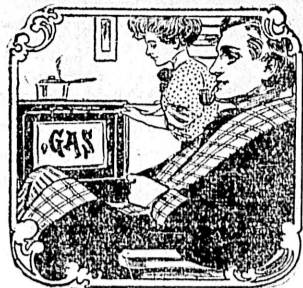
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## WILSON'S

### MEN'S FURNISHERS

#### French Author's Death.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The death is announced of Jean Joseph Cornely, the journalist and author.

#### Robbers at Caron

Caron, Sask., Dec. 26.—Two clever rogues robbed Town Treasurer Robert Long of about \$500 yesterday evening. One induced Mr. Long to step out of his office to the street to speak about private business and the other stepped through the back door and robbed the cash box drawer of the safe, which was open. The money was composed of the town and private funds. There has been no trace of guilty ones secured.

#### Killed His Son

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 26.—Bertram Somers early today shot and killed his five-year-old boy through mistaking him for a burglar. The child, it is believed, was walking in his parents' room, when his parents were awakened by a noise in the room, and seeing the outline of a figure near the window, they concluded it was that of a burglar. Mr. Somers reached for his pistol and fired, killing the child instantly. Mr. Somers is the son of Robert Somers, a prominent temperance teacher in the city.

#### McKinley Estate Involved

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Wm. M. Duncan, of Cleveland, a nephew of the late President McKinley, today filed suit in the Common Pleas court for \$10,000 against R. F. Shields, administrator of the McKinley estate and against the widow and daughter of Abner McKinley. Duncan alleges that Abner McKinley borrowed \$10,000 from Helen McKinley in return for an assignment of his interest in President McKinley's estate, and then Helen assigned the claim to Duncan. He says Abner McKinley refused to recognize the claim in his lifetime.

#### Sizing Him Up

"Who is that big man?" asked the stranger.  
"That," replied the native, "is Mr. Pompus."  
"Only plain mister?" Why, he has the bearing of a major-general.  
"Yes, and the over-bearing of a young lieutenant."

#### What's In a Name?

There was a tall Russian named Muski-Wumiskilivskivitchinski.  
You may say his name twice  
If you think it sounds nice,  
But I'm sure it will make your voice husky.

### THE SPELL OF CHRISTMAS

He sat alone in his shack among the foot hills of the Far West. Strong emotions were struggling within his breast. He had returned that day from his quarterly visit to the distant town where he obtained his supplies and banked his money. While there the shop windows dressed for the Christmas trade cast over him the spell of home and the Christmas spirit took possession of him.

It was fourteen years since he had sat down with the loved ones in the old home in the East. Then before the holidays were ended he had done the thing which sent him away a dishonest man. From that time he had never written nor had he heard from home. He had travelled far and at last settled where the hills and the prairie meet. At first in the bitterness of repentance he avoided the evils of the new land. Afterwards he learned to love virtue for its own sake. Among the cattlemen he was an oddity at the beginning, but gradually they learned his worth until they voted him the "Whitest" man of the whole foot hill country. Stories were told of his cool daring and dauntless courage, of his tender care of sick comrades, of help given to stranded wanderers and many a man blessed him for the word of hope and the hand of a brother.

Fortune coupled with his own hard work had brought him plenty. His ranch was well equipped and well stocked. His bank account ran into the thousands. But his heart had always hungered for the love which had been an agony. He got up and paced the floor trying to get a grip on himself. Becoming a little quieter he sat down again to look through a bundle of Toronto papers he had secured in town. As he turned the pages his eye caught a familiar name. He read the paragraph, sprang to his feet and exclaimed "I'll do it. Thank heaven my chance has come." The farm of the man whom he had defrauded was to be sold under mortgage two days before Christmas.

There was a hurried packing, a long journey undertaken. On the day of the sale there was no sale and on Christmas Day the prodigal sat in his old chair and even the "shadow of sorrow" passed from the hearts which had grieved through the years—C. C. Wylie, Quebec.

No Arctic explorers ever have colds until they return to civilization. Then, one and all, they are prostrated by severe influenza.

## QUITO REVOLUTION

### OF BRIEF DURATION

General Toral's Effort to Capture Government of Ecuador

Washington, Dec. 26.—A cablegram received at the State Department today from its representative in Quito, the Ecuadorian capital, is to the effect that an attempted revolution there was quelled by the arrest of General Toral, formerly Ecuadorian minister to Great Britain, and twenty of his adherents, who were charged with attempting to overthrow the government. The initial step was to be the seizure of the barracks at the capital through the conversion to the revolutionary movement of the soldiers at the garrison.

#### Fatal Boiler Explosion

Halifax, Dec. 26.—The third victim of the boiler explosion at Glace Bay died this morning. The young man's name is Samuel McDonald. He was a native of Prince Edward Island.

#### Suit Over an Island

Toronto, Dec. 26.—A despatch received here states that the suit against the Venice of America Land company, involving the title to 3,000 acres of Harson's island, in the St. Claire Plats, began at Mt. Clements today. The island was originally bought from the Indians by ancestors of Jacob P. Harson, who is one of the parties to the present litigation. The land is occupied by about 200 cottagers in summer.

#### Railway Man Released

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 26.—Mark H. Reid, who was three months ago sentenced to nine months in jail for receiving stolen goods on a railway accident near Guelph, secured his release from the Guelph Jail on Tuesday night and was able to spend his Christmas with his family here. Reid's arrival was a big surprise.

#### Bold Chicago Robbers.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Five men, one of whom carried a revolver, today robbed two other men of \$15 in the waiting room of the LaSalle street station, which is situated in the heart of the business section of the city. Two of the robbers were arrested within a few minutes after the attack, and a third two hours later. The others escaped.

## TEN STRIKERS KILLED

Result of Encounters in Chilean Nitrate Region—Strikers Resume Work

Valparaiso, Dec. 26.—According to a statement issued officially the riot encounters at Iquique between nitrate strikers and the police resulted in the killing of ten men and the wounding of about fifty. During one of the engagements the troops fired particularly at the leaders of the strikers, but their aim was poor and the men were not hurt.

The president and the vice-president of the local strikers' organization, who are Spanish anarchists, have disappeared.

The strikers resumed work today at Iquique and Antofagasta. The losses for the twenty days during which the strike has been on are totalled at about \$2,000,000. The nitrate production for the month of December will be one million quintals less than the amount estimated.

#### Consul Nasse's Holiday.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Japanese Consul Nasse leaves Ottawa tonight for Japan for six months' leave of absence.

#### Broker's Failure.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—Henry C. Kimmich, a broker, late today filed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy in the United States district court. His liabilities were given at \$287,307.80, which is accommodation paper, while the assets are placed at \$37,559.

#### Father John's Illness

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—Father John, of Cronstadt is seriously ill with a recurrence of an old malady in an aggravated form. He is unable to eat and on account of his great age and debility his recovery is problematical.

#### Fire at Jamestown

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—Fire of unknown origin at Pine Beach, near the west boundary of the Jamestown expedition grounds, early today destroyed many frame structures, including several small hotels, with a loss between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

#### On Verge of Eternity

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 26.—Jake Sunfield, who is to be hanged tomorrow morning for the murder of Andrew Riedzyk, is nervous and sullen tonight. He still protests his innocence, but refuses to talk to anyone but his spiritual adviser and relatives. Only three newspapermen and the jail authorities will be present at the execution.

## CHINESE ACTION

### ON LOAN CONCESSION

Measure Taken to Suppress Agitation in Interested Provinces

Pekin, Dec. 26.—From present indications the government is on the point of coming to a decision as to its policy in the matter of the local agitation arising from the conflict of British and Chinese interests, and especially regarding the proposed loan in Che Kiang and Kiang Su provinces.

Yesterday the throne issued its third edict aimed at the agitators. It sets forth that students in the provinces ignore their local officials and send telegrams on the points at issue direct to the ministers here. They even threaten the ministers in daring language, and their course is encouraging the lower classes to clamorous activity. In conclusion it orders the appointment of school inspectors qualified to expel the students in question and the directors and instructors responsible for the agitation.

The foreign board, which is causing to be published an account of the Che Kiang trouble in the native press for the purpose of enlightening the agitators, has begun the examination of the officials who are implicated in the British loan concession and the renting thereof to Chinese. The results of these examinations are expected to determine the future position of Yuan Shi Kai in the central government, and to put an end to the present deadlock.

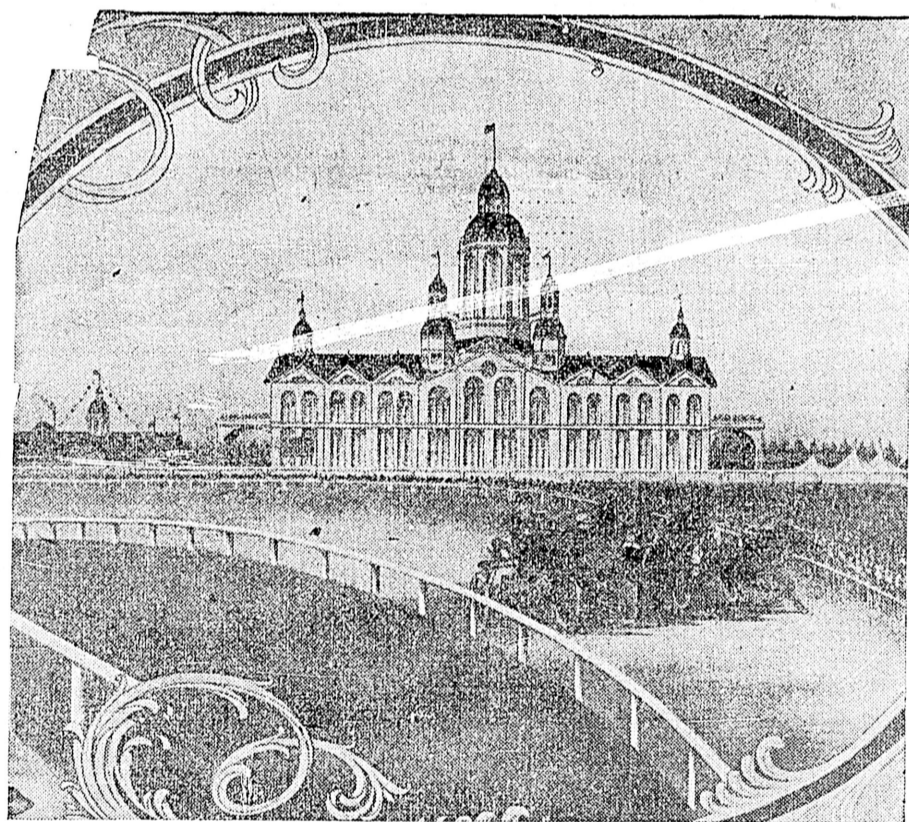
#### Mine Fire Extinguished

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—The fire in the Schoenberger coal mine at Baird's station, near here, which suddenly broke out last Sunday, endangering the lives of 100 miners, was extinguished today. The mine was severely damaged, and extensive repairs will be necessary before work can be resumed.

#### Animal Trainer's Death

Kansas City, Dec. 26.—William Bell, an animal trainer known to circus men throughout the country, dropped dead here last night of heart disease. Bell was well known as "Texas" and was 55 years old.

He was one of the few men who could control "Rajah" the famous man-killer elephant.



DESTROYED EXHIBITION BUILDINGS

Main Exhibition Building and Machinery Hall Totally Destroyed by Fire Last Night

#### Honored by the Pope.

Quebec, Que., Dec. 26.—Hon. John Sharples has been presented with order and decoration of St. Gregory the Great, by the pope for his works of charity.

#### Ended His Troubles.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Gustav Holmbeck, a fur dealer, committed suicide by shooting tonight. He left a letter saying he could no longer stand the blackmail and slander. He failed in business a year ago.

#### Had Many Creditors

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26.—Newton Baum today filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities amount to \$300,000, with assets of \$35,000. Two hundred and sixty creditors were involved, the greater portion being located in New York, but every State east of the Mississippi river is represented.

#### Darr Mine Victims

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 26.—Rapid progress is being made in the removal of bodies from the Darr mine. All the entries except number 27 have been cleared, and a total of 124 bodies brought from the mine. A number of other bodies have been located, and it is thought that they will be brought to the surface during the night.

#### Panama's President.

Colon, Dec. 26.—Joseph E. Deobaldia and other high officials of the Panama republic came here today from Panama to welcome Dr. Manuel Amador, president of Panama, who arrived at noon by steamer from New York. Dr. Amador has been absent for some months in Europe, during which time Senor Deobaldia was acting president. Colon was decorated in honor of the return of the chief executive.

#### Landed in Jail.

Almonte, Ont., Dec. 26.—Bill Farrell a notorious character, was today taken to Perth to stand trial on five charges, three of them assault, one disorderly conduct and one escaping from custody. Farrell escaped from custody two months ago, and returning on Christmas eve stirred up a lively time.

#### Mulai's Men Defeated.

Morocco City, Dec. 26.—Recent fighting in this vicinity has resulted in two victories for partisans of Abdul Aziz, the sultan of Morocco. The Henhammas, followers of Mulai Haïd, the "Southern Sultan," attacked the Shragana tribesmen, partisans of Abdul Aziz, but were repulsed with the loss of 200 men. After receiving 800 reinforcements from Mulai Haïd, the Recammas attacked a second time, but again suffered defeat.

#### Shortening Production.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 26.—Otis N. Pierce, president of the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' association, in an interview today said that in his opinion New Bedford would be affected by the 25 per cent. curtailment in production inaugurated by the manufacturers of New England. Mr. Pierce stated it as his belief that no date had been fixed for the curtailment, but that it was to be left optional with the several manufacturers.

#### In Restraint of Trade.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 26.—In the common pleas court today Judge Phillips held that if the allegations of the cutters and flatteners are true, the Amalgamated Association of Window Glass Workers of America is an organization in restraint of trade, and contrary to the laws. The cutters brought suit to enjoin the association from expelling men for accepting employment in glass factories where machinery is used in their work.

#### To Be Tried for Shooting.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Jacob Cohen was today committed to stand trial on a charge of shooting at Jacob Gobel, with intent to kill. The shooting took place on October 25, in a quarrel over a woman. Mrs. Swift struck Cohen on the head with a poker, and Cohen, who went to the woman's assistance with a revolver, fired and missing Gobel the bullet struck Mrs. Swift.

#### Poisoned With Arsenic.

Quebec, Dec. 26.—The coroner's inquest on the body of Mrs. Omer Rochette, whose death and subsequent exhumation caused so much comment and so many different stories, took place today. Dr. Marois and Dr. Vallee, who made the autopsy, and Rev. Dr. Plon, who made the analysis of the stomach, stated that it was found deceased died by arsenic poisoning. At 3.30 this afternoon the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that deceased died of arsenic poisoning, criminally administered by her husband, Omer Rochette, who is held criminally responsible. Rochette is missing.

#### Washington Official's Death.

Gardiner, Me., Dec. 26.—Joseph W. Bartlett, assistant clerk of the United States, died at his residence in Washington yesterday morning, according to information received here today. He was born at Litchfield, a suburb of Gardiner. He was 70 years of age, and so many different stories, took place today. Dr. Marois and Dr. Vallee, who made the autopsy, and Rev. Dr. Plon, who made the analysis of the stomach, stated that it was found deceased died by arsenic poisoning. At 3.30 this afternoon the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that deceased died of arsenic poisoning, criminally administered by her husband, Omer Rochette, who is held criminally responsible. Rochette is missing.

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Safety Razor Sets, "Gillette" ..... \$5.00  
Ladies' Scissors Sets, \$1.50 to ..... \$6.00  
Chafing Dishes, \$7.00 to ..... \$9.00  
Five O'clock Tea Kettles ..... \$3.75 up  
Sugar Tongs, "Avalon" ..... \$1.50 up  
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#### Britain and India

Dr. W. H. Fitchett, the brilliant author of "Fights for the Faith" and "The World's Religions," has a striking series of articles in the London "Tribune" on "England and India." One article stated the "case for the British" in these picturesque terms:

"A mutiny is, for military reasons, hopeless. But the arguments which go to show no mutiny is likely to be attempted are overwhelming. There is no visible alternative to the Englishman as the ruler of India, or at least none that can be for a moment contemplated. Let it be remembered that here never was, and is not still today, any India, in the sense of a nation. These three hundred million men, so diverse in color and creed and speech, never were a unit till the British flag flew above them; and their unity would vanish with the disappearance of that flag. If the Englishman disappeared mere chaos would come again. It is not merely that each Indian in turn is a 'foreigner' to nearly nine-tenths of all other Indians, so that, say, a Brahmin from Bengal is more remote from a Sikh from Lahore, or a Gurkha from the Nepalese Hills, than a Neapolitan from a Scotchman, or a Maltese from a Pole. But these human types are parted from each other by repulsions deeper and more intense than any which separate men of one European nation from another.

"To suppose the Bengali ruling the Pathans or the Gurkhas is very much like imagining a committee of fat well-clothed sheep ruling a pack of jungle wolves. For the cold-blooded Englishman it is difficult to realize with what fierce scorn the Mohammedan looks down on the idolatrous and cow-worshipping Hindu, or with what subtle and enduring hatred he regards the cow-worshipping Mohammedan.

"One of the leaders of Mohammedan India, Sir Syad Ahmad Khan, recently delivered a speech to a great gathering of his fellow-religionists, which is quoted by Sir John Strachey in his 'India.' This distinguished Mohammedan is discussing what would happen if the British left India. 'Would Mohammedans and Hindus,' he asks, 'sit on the same throne and remain equal in power?' And he answers his own question with a fierce negative. 'They would fly at each other's throats. Our Hindu brothers and Pathans would come out as a swarm of locusts from their mountain passes. Like a swarm of locusts they would come, and make rivers of blood to flow from the frontier in the north to the rivers of Bengal. What would happen if the departure of the British would rest on the will of God; but until one nation conquered another peace could not dwell in the land.'

"With Mohammedan and Hindu flying at each other's throats on the lands, what would happen if the swarming in through the two great gateways on either flank of the Himalayas—six such invasions, let it be remembered, are to be counted in one century before the English came—what would be the fate of India? England is the great power of the land. If the Englishman left, the other nations of the world, of course, would not see a prize so rich left derelict. Frenchman and German might contend for it on the seaboard, but it is certain that the Russian would appear in the Afghan passes. And would the Russian be welcomed as an alternative of the Englishman? The very conception is absurd. Think of India being Russianized, as Finland was! The Indians themselves know this, and dread the coming of the Russian.

"At a recent native congress in Madras the president made a remarkable speech. If Russia and Great Britain had to fight for dominion in India, he told his hearers, 'we, the educated natives, can judge the ultimate merits of the two empires; we who know, and are best able to appreciate, the blessing of the right of public meet-

ing, the liberty of action, of freedom of education, which we enjoy under British rule, whereas under Russia we should have nothing but a despotic government whose chief glory would consist in its military organizations, aggressions upon our neighbors, and great military exploits.'

"Sir James Stephens puts the conflict of ideals betwixt the possible competitors for India very cleverly. The Mohammedan would tyrannize over Hindus in particular, and in general propose to every one the alternative betwixt the Koran and the sword. The Hindu would condemn to social infamy every one who, being born a Hindu, did not observe their rites. He would re-establish Sutek, forbid the re-marriage of widows, and prohibit a low caste man from testifying against a Brahmin. 'Mohammedan, Hindu, Sikh would all alike proceed to settle their own accounts and see who is master.' 'The English in India,' says Sir James Stephens, are the representatives of peace compelled by force. No country in the world is more orderly, quiet, more peaceful than British India under the British flag. If it disappeared chaos would come again like a flood.'

"The guarantee—nay, the justification of British rule in India is thus to be found in the deep, ineffaceable scars which rend its millions of people. In a famous speech Lord Randolph Churchill once described British rule in India as a sheet of oil spread over the surface of a vast human ocean, and keeping it in a sort of artificial calm. Beneath that film of oil, he declared, lie hidden all the memories of fallen dynasties, all the traditions of vanquished races, all the pride of insulted creeds. But beneath the 'film of oil' sleep fiercer and more enduring discords than even these; discords which have their roots in history and in ancient habit, and that are kept vital by the energy of quarrelling creeds and by enduring incongruities of character.

"What a gulf separates the Mohammedan and the Brahmin! Who can measure the scorn of the fierce tribes of the hills, to whom fighting is a joy, for the swarming and helpless men of the plain, to whom cowardice is almost a virtue? Gurkha and Pathan have toward the Bengali the temper of wolves towards sheep. If the British left India, once more through the Himalayan passes would come Tartar and Afghan, the ruthless tribes of the Steppes, the fierce clans of the hills. And without waiting for these to appear on the scene all the hardy and martial races of the north—Sikh and Gurkha and Pathan—would swoop down on the fat and defenceless south. No combination of the discordant human elements which make up India is possible against the British. 'The brown men hate each other, more bitterly than they hate the white men.'

#### Norse Lullaby

The sky is dark, and the hills are white,  
As the storm-king speeds from the north tonight;  
And this is the song the storm-king sings,  
As over the world his cloak he flings:  
"Sleep, sleep, little one, sleep,"  
He rustles his wings and gruffly sings:  
"Sleep, little one, sleep."

On yonder mountain-side a vine  
Clings at the foot of a mother-pine;  
The tree bends over the trembling thing,  
And this the vine can hear her sing:  
"Sleep, sleep, little one, sleep,"  
What shall you fear when I am here?  
Sleep, little one, sleep."

—Eugene Field.

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### RAID ON CHINESE BY LETHBRIDGE MOB

#### Crowd Made Angry by Reported Killing of a White Rancher

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 26.—The interior of the Columbia restaurant was partly wrecked last night and the windows of nearly every other Chinese restaurant were smashed by a mob of nearly three hundred persons.

The affair took place quite suddenly and the windows of the Alberta restaurant and Joe Fong's were assailed at the same time. Constable Rose telephoned for the mounted police, a number of whom promptly arrived and cleared the premises and arrested several of the mob, but until a Chinaman or two had been roughly handled.

The police patrolled the streets and went down to protect Quong Wong's place near the post office. Meanwhile a portion of the mob slipped around to the Barons road and smashed the front of the Chinese restaurant near the Arlington. The mounted police came over and in a few minutes nothing was to be seen of any mob.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last night the rumor spread that Harry Smith, a well known and popular rancher from Littlebow, had died at the hospital from the effects of a blow with a hammer, struck by a Chinaman in the Columbia restaurant.

As a matter of fact Harry Smith was quite well and enjoying a social evening with a Christmas party. This fact was not known, however, and the rumor was believed. The Chinaman who had struck him was arrested, and put in jail, but this fact also was unknown and an angry mob gathered in front of the restaurant and there was talk of lynching. Presently it seemed to boil over, and doors were burst open, counters and tables overturned, and any Chinamen who could be caught were roughly treated.

Simultaneously a portion of the crowd smashed the windows, but little actual damage was done, though there were a lot of badly scared Chinamen fleeing wildly to cover.

Mayor Galbraith was on the scene and called on good citizens to disperse and go to their homes. Magistrate Humphreys, when a portion of the crowd visited the Quon Sang restaurant on Ford street, persuaded the crowd to disperse, but they had even a good citizen and that he had never given any trouble and the mob acting on his advice dispersed.

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Milby-Bechtel

At the Manse on Christmas evening, Rev. Dr. Campbell solemnized the marriage of Herbert Walter Milby and Sarah Amelia Bechtel, both of Victoria.

#### Yeates-Francis

At the Manse on Monday evening, Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Yeates-Francis, the former lately from England and the latter from Wales. They will reside in Victoria.

#### Walton-Post

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Christ church cathedral at 5.30 on Christmas day between Eunice Gertha Post and Leonard Archibald Walton, both of this city. The bride looked very pretty in a dress of embroidered net over cream silk, with veil and orange blossoms. She was attended by Mrs. T. E. Sullivan and Mr. Sullivan supported the groom. After the wedding ceremony the party repaired to the home of the groom's father, where dancing and games were indulged in. Amongst the presents received were the following: Dominion hotel staff, dinner service, silver pudding bowl, cut glass and silver pepper and salt, and handsome case of knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. Walton, parents of the groom, case of knives and forks, pillows and picture; Mr. Post, father of the bride, cheque; Mr. Stevenson, carving set; Mr. Robertson, lamp; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sullivan, cut glass and silver cruet stand; Mrs. E. Williams, handsome window curtains; J. Moore, toilet set; S. Jones, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Strachan, oak and silver butterdish; W. Nelson, silver teaspoons; W. B. Townsend, clock; Mr. Williams, carving set; Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, hat and bag; J. W. T. Thompson, hand-painted biscuit bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Brynjolfsson, Japanese tea service; the Misses Brynjolfsson, Japanese bread and butter plate; C. Walton, cheese dish; S. Staden, China and silver cruet; Mr. and Mrs. T. Targett, berry set; Mr. and Mrs. Cornish, china tea service; A. and H. Walton, cut glass butter dish, cream and sugar and spoon holder; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis and family, Morris chair; Mr. Williams, cheque; Master C. Townsend, bread board; Miss A. E. Somers, drawwork centrepiece; Master H. Curtis, prayer book; large handsome case of cutlery presented by the following gentlemen: C. W. Tubman, S. J. Burford, Rev. R. B. Hiney, Ernest Campbell, Roy Swain, R. W. Hilson, Capt. A. F. Yates, P. Plem, D. D. M. Phail and many others.

### LOCATES IN VICTORIA

James Simpson Leaves the Old Country to Reside in This City

James Simpson, late of Dundee, Scotland, has taken up his residence in the city and will hereafter, at 1742 Fort Street, conduct his business as nurseryman. Mr. Simpson has for years been engaged in this line of business in the old country. Referring to Mr. Simpson's departure from his old home, the Dundee Evening Telegraph said:

"What a stirring and hearty goodbye was given to Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, late The Nurseries, Barnhill, Broughty Ferry, by their hosts of friends on their departure for British Columbia. What is Dundee's loss will be Victoria's gain. Here we have the fine looking, sagacious, and hard-headed Scotsman, an expert in the commerce of many countries, and the champion of rose growers, accompanied by his kindly and large-hearted wife—the great lover and friend of our dumb pets—along with his son William and his daughters Rose and Lily (a 'bulldog' chief and clever hizzies), proceeding to take their part in the Empire building across the seas. I have seen many such a send-off at our railway stations, 'but never aught like this.' The very spirit of the gathering seemed to travel to the kindly railway officials at the West station in their anxiety for the comfort of the travelers, and 'explosion' after 'explosion' marked their departure."

### NO MEAT COMBINE IN PRAIRIE COUNTRY

#### Commissioners Present Different Reports in Alberta and Manitoba

Edmonton, Alb., Dec. 26.—The report of Messrs. Middleton and Campbell, who made an investigation of the meat industry for Alberta and Manitoba respectively, has been made to Lieutenant-Governor Bulyea. The taking of evidence at the various towns is gone into in detail, and the commissioners in conclusion submit a number of recommendations dealing with the pork, sheep and beef industries. The commissioners announce regret at being obliged to terminate the investigation at a time when it was really becoming a benefit, and intimate that a trip to England would have been advantageous. The report finds that there is no combine in restraint of trade in the sheep, cattle or pork industries, or anything in violation of the criminal code. The stockyards were found to be improperly conducted, and the commissioners recommend that they be run and controlled by the railways.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Premier Roblin was asked if the report of the commission handed out at Edmonton yesterday was similar to the one presented to the Manitoba government by the commissioners delegated to take evidence and make a report by the Manitoba government.

In reply he said that the report represented at Edmonton was not the report he presented to the Manitoba government. "You know," added the premier, "that the evidence submitted in Manitoba was altogether different from what was submitted in Alberta, and the commissioners have presented their report to the government. We received it on Saturday."

Mr. Roblin was asked by the reporter if the report was available for publication, and in reply said that he thought that courtesy required that the report should first be presented to the House in the ordinary course, by the Minister of Agriculture, after which, in due course, it would be made public.

The premier expressed surprise that the Alberta government had seen fit to make public the report before submitting it to the House, but expressed the opinion that this was probably due to the fact that there was practically no opposition in the Alberta House.

Premier Roblin stated that if he gave out the report of the commission prior to its being laid on the table in the House, he would expect a vote of censure, as this course, in his opinion, would be irregular.

Premier Roblin emphatically stated that the report handed out in Edmonton was not the same as the report of the commissioners presented to the Manitoba government. It was learned, unofficially, today, that the beef commission report handed to the Manitoba government is a lengthy document, being composed of over 60 typewritten pages. The contents of the report are a secret until the house meets, but it is understood that the commissioners have found that there is no illegal combine in Manitoba. Sundry recommendations for the betterment of the cattle trade are made.

### THE MORNING STAR.

#### Former Missionary Vessel Will Run in Alaskan Waters.

The report that the missionary steamer Morning Star, which has arrived at Seattle after a run of seven days from San Francisco, was sold to James A. Moore to carry ore from British Columbia mines, proves correct. The Morning Star has been turned over to Capt. Moore, a cousin of J. A. Moore, by the American board of foreign missions, which holds the title to the vessel and Capt. Moore, who commands the vessel, will use her in a commercial venture. The missionaries in the South Seas will now be carried by the steamship companies on mileage contracts and the idea of operating a missionary steamer has been abandoned.

"The vessel is licensed to carry from thirty-five to forty first class passengers," said Capt. Moore. "We expect to operate on a regular schedule to Ketchikan. The boat has just been repainted and caulked and is in good shape. She is rated A1 for ten years on the American records and has three years yet to sail under that rating. The Morning Star was built at Essex, Mass., in 1900. She is of 647 gross tons, 150 feet long, 25 feet beam and 10 feet deep."

### DIVIDENDS DECLARED

#### Announcements Made by Three Railways and the Wells-Fargo Express Company

New York, Dec. 25.—The directors of the Missouri Pacific railway today declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, payable in the company's stock. Geo. J. Gould, president of the Missouri Pacific, in announcing the action of the board gave out the following: "Although the surplus, actual and estimated, for the last six months of this year amply warrant the payment of dividends at the regular rate, the management felt that under the present financial and business conditions it would be unwise to weaken the company by disbursing cash."

The Wells Fargo directors declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent, and the directors of the Delaware and Lackawanna declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent.

The directors of the Delaware and Hudson company today declared a dividend of two per cent for the year, payable as follows: 2 1/2 per cent in March, 1908, to stockholders of record February, 1908; 2 1/2 per cent on June 1st, 1908, to stockholders of record May, 25, 1908; 2 1/2 per cent on Sept. 15, 1908, to stockholders of record Aug. 25, 1908; 2 1/2 per cent on Dec. 15, 1908, to stockholders of record Nov. 24, 1908.

### Turkey for Everybody.

Calgary, Dec. 26.—If any man, woman or child in this city went to sleep last night without having partaken of a turkey dinner it was through no fault of the Salvation Army or the P. Burns Company, packers. The latter furnished turkeys to every person in the city reported by the churches to be without the price of a turkey. The Salvation Army furnished a turkey dinner to every wayfarer who called at their barracks, and sent out many dinners to those who were unable to get down to the city.

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### MRS. SPAULDING'S POSTER

"Bishop Maxwell, is it not?" inquired Mrs. Spaulding, cordially, as her guest came down to breakfast, suit case in hand. "I feel that I know you through my son, and I was so glad when he arranged to have you stay with us on your way through the city. But what does this luggage mean? You're going to stay a day or so?"

"No thank you, Mrs. Spaulding," returned the bishop. "I must go right on today."

"Oh, that makes it doubly unfortunate that I had to be away last evening. I hope you found my message of explanation?" The friend I was called to was very ill, and I felt sure you would understand; but the fact that Mr. Spaulding was out of town, too, made me regret going especially. I do hope my maid took care of you comfortably, and that you rested well. I thought you must have been weary and I came in at ten, and found you had retired."

The bishop replied politely but there was an odd constraint in his manner which lasted until he had bowed himself out of the house after breakfast.

"What can be the matter?" puzzled Mrs. Spaulding, as she watched the distinguished gentleman stalking down the street. "Dick was so anxious he should like us."

Then a sickening thought struck her, and she darted up stairs.

It had been Mrs. Spaulding's custom during the boyhood of her only son to correct his failings by posting about the house little placards which gently pleaded with him on the error of his ways. A week or two earlier, when Dick was coming home for a college vacation, she had unthinkingly some of these old signs, and just for a joke had placed them up in his room, like old times. They had been taken down later, but she remembered now that, after being summoned to the sick friend the morning before she had led her new—and not brilliant—maid to Dick's door and had said, "I want this room swept and arranged for Bishop Maxwell exactly as we did it for Mr. Dick last week. Do you understand?"

With wings on her feet Mrs. Spaulding flew to the room the bishop had occupied, but at the threshold she paused—and gasped!

On one of the pillows was a startling notice to this effect: "Please put your bed to airing in the morning!"

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#### Farmhouse Cake

Flour, three-quarters of a pound; Loaf sugar, one pound; eggs, fourteen; vanilla and nutmeg flavoring, half a cupful.

Put the flour into a bowl and add the loaf sugar pounded and sifted. Beat the yolk of the eggs with half a cupful of vanilla and nutmeg flavoring. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth and stir into the cakes. Put in a pan lined with buttered paper. Bake in a moderate oven for one hour.

One of the best yields of wheat, barley and oats combined that has been vouchsafed to us for many years, is the estimate of this season's crops in Great Britain formed by the Times's agricultural experts. Potatoes were a big crop but badly diseased. The hop crop is estimated by the board of agriculture at 374,129 cwt., against 245,638 cwt. last year. Farmers are reported to be feeling more hopeful, and there is an increasing demand for farm property. This is the first year for some time that farmers have been able to secure high prices for wheat and is a pound for wool.

The ancient ceremony of installing the Constable of Lancaster Castle was carried out the other day, when Sir John T. Hubert, who was recently appointed to the post, accompanied by the Earl of Derby and other dignitaries, stood in front of the castle gateway, which was knocked four times, slowly and deliberately. Then the great door swung backwards; the procession made its way without a word to John o' Gaunt's room, and taking his seat in the constable's chair, Sir John received the keys, and subsequently hung his shield on the walls of the Shire Hall, following the custom of the constables for centuries back.

#### Cameos Fashionable

Cameos are as fashionable as in our grandmother's day, and make up charmingly for collars, bracelets, and pendants, as well as in many other forms. Lapis lazuli is also in considerable demand for brooches and for necklaces, while coral has come back again and accords particularly well with the same color as used in fashionable trimmings and accessories.

#### An Error in the Obituary

We made a serious error in the obituary notice of Tom Harris, who quit the earth last Wednesday. We said that Tom had always been a good citizen. This is a mistake, as Tom has been in jail on several and sundry occasions for minor offences, the most serious of which was changing the brand on a sorrel horse belonging to the 3-bar ranch. Tom was, however, about as acceptable a citizen as ever came from the Goose creek country, which locality has furnished the bulk of our jail-boarders.—Riverton Republic.

## THE OVER ERECT MAN.

Sometimes a man holds himself exceedingly erect.

Superb vitality—irrepressible spirit—the special construction of the vertebral column or spine—may be contributory causes—his is a variation common to all the types for which we have our special alterations.

To give this physique a proper fit we shorten the back and lower the arm hole.

No matter what the degree of alteration or what the physique, we can fit to perfection!

Each seam is left with outlets—the whole is simply basted together.

Whatever the coat requires to make fit perfect—can be done in two hours.

Each suit is made to the try-on stage

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WON'T WORRY YOU, IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE:

LAST WINTER, when the cold snap struck this town, there was a rush to this store for Foot Warmers. We sold our whole stock in short order, and besides—our stock of Foot Warmers for buggies, sleighs, etc. When they couldn't get the "real thing," they wanted something as near like it as possible. They knew they couldn't get anything better—because there isn't.

If you have ever used one of our DOULTON FOOT-WARMERS, you know how much superior they are to all other kinds. You know what a lot of comfort you get for such a small outlay of cash. They cost very little, and they'll last a lifetime. First cost is the only cost, too. We lately received a big shipment of these, and we advise that you get one now. Should the thermometer suddenly drop, our whole stock will disappear in a rush. It's better to be prepared than sorry. Act now!

Two Sizes at Each, \$1.00 and \$1.25

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There is nothing in the Mat Line that can beat the Wire Mat in protecting the house from muddy shoes of children and grown folks. These mats are made of best galvanized steel wire, peculiarly woven, so that although you may roll it up like a piece of carpet it will, when in use, remain perfectly flat as a mat, with no curled corners to trip those who trample it.

WIRE MATS, size 16 in. x 24 in., at each. . . . \$1.25  
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THE BEST QUALITY COCOA DOOR MATS—PRICED FAIR

SUPERIOR QUALITY THIN COCOA MATS—A fine lot of best quality cocoa mats. Thin. Good. Low in price, at each, \$5.50 down to. . . \$1.25  
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What About a Winter Floor Covering?

PUT LINOLEUM ON YOUR KITCHEN FLOOR NOW

Fall and Winter seasons mean "Mud" and much worry for the housewife who likes to keep the floor clean and nice. It is so much easier to clean and to keep clean the kitchen floor if it is covered with oilcloth or linoleum, and it costs so little that every kitchen floor should be covered. Get "FIRST QUALITY," and get it here, and you'll never regret the outlay.

PRINTED LINOLEUMS, range in price up from, per square yard. . . . 40¢  
INLaid LINOLEUMS, at, per square yard, \$1.50, \$1.25 and . . . . \$1.00

There's Another Holiday —New Year's

And it has its redeeming features, even though some people say we have too many holidays.

One of its good points is that it comes seven days after the greatest gift-exchanging day in the calendar, and it gives one the opportunity of making amends for any oversight in gift-making at Christmas—for such things happen in the general excitement.

You can get more for the money this week, which will more than compensate for your oversight in the mind of the recipient.

A Big Shipment of Brass Beds Just Arrived. Ready Today on Our Second Floor

Strangers in the city are invited to make a tour of inspection through this establishment.

Every artistic housekeeper will see beautiful pieces that she would like to own and there are innumerable special offerings to be profited by.

If purchases are decided upon we have facilities for safe packing to go any distance—but, every visitor is welcome to come and just look.

Come in and feel at home.

Your China Closet is Yearning For These:

The holidays over, we must necessarily put our house in order—clean up all the odd bits, that the inventory sheets may be less bulky.

A grand opportunity is presented to fill that space in the china closet, long reserved for some special object. A genuine decisive reduction on all holiday merchandise still unsold—and we considered every piece a splendid value at its original price.

Come in early, as we expect this week's end will find them gone.

Some Very Choice New Spring Styles in Fine Carpets Are Now Shown on Second Floor

Invest Your "Cash" Presents in One of These Buffets:

BUFFET—In Early English finished oak. This style has 1 large cupboard with 2 glass doors, and at the price asked is fine value. It is finished in finest manner. Price, each. . . . \$25.00  
BUFFET—Another Early English oak style. Has 2 small and 1 large drawers, 2 cupboards, and a large bevel mirror. Fine trimmings and pretty design. Price, each. . . . \$40.00

BUFFET—This style has 3 large drawers and large cupboard, large bevel mirror, finest trimmings. This is a very handsome piece, and if you like something new, here it is. Price, each. . . \$45.00  
BUFFET—Still another style in same finish. This is also a very handsome piece and of unusual design. Has 2 small and 1 large drawers with shelf between. Large bevel mirror with shelf above. Price. . . . \$45.00

MANY OTHER STYLES AND PRICES HERE—COME IN

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NOTE AND COMMENT

The Toronto News declares itself in opposition to the gospel of "Hurry Up." It still thinks we are all rushing too fast along the pathway of life, but resents particularly "the cramming system" practiced against the school children. On this latter phase of the subject it says:

If no home work were provided the progress of the children might be slower, a wholly desirable thing. Because of the gospel of Hurry Up cases have been known in Ontario where a young man has received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at 21 years of age, and a medical degree at 25. He has been attaining knowledge instead of gaining an education. He has had no time to know himself. Midnight oil has been his portion since he entered the third book class in the public school. Some work is obsolete, unnecessary and unnatural. It should be abolished so that the children would have time to play, to grow, and to sleep. Freed from haunting worries about seven times nine and the least common multiple.

For reasons which are easily understandable the Vancouver News-Advertiser displays not the slightest hesitancy in dismissing the rumor as to the return of a British fleet to Esquimalt as mere poppy-cock. If the harbor of Esquimalt were more closely adjacent to Burrard Inlet, the story would possibly not have appeared so improbable to our contemporary, which finds no difficulty in probing into the innermost secrets of British naval strategy—a feat which has baffled many critics not possessing the same spirit of temerity. Says the News-Advertiser:

The despatch from London, which we published yesterday, stating that the Standard newspaper said that the Admiralty was about to re-establish the squadrons on the North Atlantic stations, has been promptly contradicted on official authority. Has such a proposal been well founded, it would have implied a complete reversal of the policy which the Admiralty announced about four years ago, and which has been put in operation in all parts of the globe where formerly the British fleet had local bases and refitment depots.

Consequently such vessels as had in the past composed the fleet stationed on the North Pacific, with Esquimalt as its base, would have simply been death traps for their crews in a fight with more modern ships. Nevertheless their maintenance entailed large expense, and at the same time made heavy drafts on the personnel of the navy, as regards both officers and seamen.

Commenting on the fact that, just previous to the departure of the United States naval fleet from the Atlantic for the Pacific, the "coal was examined lump by lump" the San Francisco Examiner approves of this extraordinary measure of precaution, declaring that the duty of the nation is "in time of peace, prepare for war." The "yellow press" is working overtime in an endeavor to instill into the minds of the people of the United States that the navy is proceeding to the Pacific to engage with some foe. They are playing with fire, but the danger attendant upon that practice does not one bit deter them—what they are after is increased circulation. The Examiner thus concludes its article dealing with the inspection of the coal:

Who would procure or do such a fearful thing is not the question. The only point to consider, on the part of the captain of the ship, or the commander of the division, or the admiral of the fleet, is the exact precaution must be taken. The North Atlantic fleet is proceeding on the greatest naval manoeuvre of recent times. It goes prepared to meet any foe, though there may be no foe. And, certainly, one of its common sense precautions is to examine its coal. In time of peace prepare for war. Therefore, the North Atlantic fleet leaves no precaution neglected in its great cruise.

Now that Mayor Morley has considered it expedient to go into the employment agency business, the rate-payers of Victoria will read with a special interest the following paragraph from the editorial columns of the Montreal Gazette:

Toronto ratepayers object to the city directly employing the men engaged on municipal works carried on as a means of relief for the unemployed. They hold that proper value is not given for the outlay when the city is the employing agency, and as they have to contribute to the cost they want the conditions to be such that a full return for their money will be obtained. There will have to be a great deal of what is called educational work done before Toronto is thoroughly socialist.

With very few exceptions, the Conservative newspapers of Canada are constantly making the mistake that it is "good politics" to denounce any and all measures that may be placed before the country at a time when a Liberal administration at Ottawa will be called upon to officiate at the necessary legislative enactments resultant on such measures being accepted by the people. Thus we find them condemning off-hand the "All-Red" project, which is not only an Imperial enterprise of the first magnitude, but one in regard to the details of which the various governments are as yet in ignorance, as no definite proposal has been laid before them. So eminently respectable a journal as the Montreal Gazette will even at times descend to this sort of thing in alluding to a project which so great a friend of Canada as Lord Strathcona has declared to be one of the most important since confederation.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is being questioned because, after saying much on his recent return from England about the "All-Red" line, he said nothing about it on the opening of Parliament. The situation is worthy of comment. It is to be remembered, however, that the session is young yet and there will be time for many announcements before the day of prorogation. It is hardly to be thought, in view of other things he is assenting to, that the Prime Minister's course can be due to a rush of business sense to the head.

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, December 27, 1907.

New Diggings.—A party of prospectors have reached Lillooet, from Horseshy Creek, bringing valuable specimens of gold obtained from a tributary of Horseshy Creek. The following letter from one of the most respected residents of Lillooet has been handed us. It speaks for itself:

Lillooet, Dec. 11, 1867.

Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co.—The enclosed nugget is out of a lot taken out within the last three weeks by two miners, prospecting about thirty-five miles up Horseshy Creek, on a stream hitherto unknown. It will be gratifying to you and others having stakes in the colony to hear of recent discoveries, and, according to reports of the prospectors, it is as good a creek for gold as any yet found in British Columbia. The exact locality is not yet disclosed, but the veracity is undoubted, the men being well known. At your leisure you can give me credit for its value—\$42.

Yours very truly,

F. W. FOSTER.

From Cariboo.—Mr. David Oppenheimer has shown us a letter received from his correspondent on William Creek, and dated December 8. The name of the miner drowned when the bedrock drain was tapped was Ross Edwards; three men were in imminent danger, but escaped with their lives. Robert Riddle (Ridley?) a miner on the way from Grouse Creek, on the first of December, was buried in a snowslide from the hillside. The body was dug out on the same day, but life was extinct. Most of the claims on William Creek were tunnelling and taking out pay to wash in the spring. On Stout Creek the Alturas and Tatfada companies were at work; the yield in the Alturas was 90 ounces for the previous week. The weather, which had been cold and snowy, changed to rain on the 7th. Flour had declined in price. S. I. sugar was 42½ cent per pound, and crushed 50 cents per pound by the barrel.

Cool Spec.—Shuniburg Brothers, who left here for Sitka on the J. L. Stephens, in October, on their arrival at New Archangel, purchased the Russian company's steamer Czar-witch for \$11,000. After the territory had been added to the American government, all goods in the fur company's store were considered as having paid the U. S. tariff. With a portion of these goods the brothers loaded the steamer and sailed to San Francisco, where they cleared \$30,000 in cash on the goods alone, and have chartered the steamer, which is now on American bottom, to carry a cargo of wheat to London, receiving from the charter party a larger sum than they originally paid for the ship.

Working Again.—Last evening one thousand words came over the wires for us. The news is interesting. The day, however, do not come down to a later period than the 13th inst. Private telegrams from San Francisco to the 20th inst., seven days ago, were the latest received at the Victoria office.

A mass-meeting, composed of between 400 and 500 persons, for the purpose of discussing the question of confederation with the Dominion of Canada, was held at Barker-ville, on Saturday, the 23d of November, at which strong resolutions endorsing the movement were adopted.

Christmas Day was rationally and reverently observed by our citizens. The town was unusually quiet for a holiday. The churches were well attended.

ABOUT PEOPLE

The Prince of Asturias is one of the wealthiest of infant heirs-apparent or presumptive, owing to the simple fact that he possesses great properties in the beautiful province from which he takes his fine old title. Asturias takes a very close interest in its own special peace, and the principality entered the royal body within a week of his birth a thousand doubloons of gold in token of its vassalage. Very soon His Royal Highness will be taken to Asturias and shown to his own people, and as he grows older, arrangements will be made for him to spend a portion of each year in the principality. Owing to the fact that King Alfonso was born a king, and that his own father spent so much of his life in exile, Asturias has not enjoyed for more than two generations the satisfaction of hailing a son of the reigning Sovereign of Spain as overlord.—M. A. P.

Sir Evelyn Wood, who has been appointed colonel of the Royal Horse Guards, in place of Lord Wolsey, and who is to follow that distinguished officer as Gold Stick, is one of the most famous soldiers in the British army. He is a clever and unbiased historian, too, as his former books and his history of the mutiny just concluded in the London Times go to prove. Although born in a parsonage and embarked on a warrior's calling at an early age and his first love strange to say, was the navy. He went through the shot and shell of the Crimea, and was severely wounded in carrying a scaling ladder in the unsuccessful assault on the Redan. He was mentioned over and over again in dispatches and was also recommended for the Victoria Cross. But, as he did not remain in the navy, he was not destined to win that coveted decoration for some time afterwards.

Prince and Princess Charles of Bourbon have been enjoying quite an unconventional honeymoon, and as regards royal married lovers, starting what may prove to be a very welcome innovation. In other words, instead of spending the first month of their joint lives in some great palace and surrounded by members of the households, they have been traveling about making an incognito journey as far as Constantinople. The only other royal couple who have been equally unconventional were the Grand Duke Cyril and his bride. Their marriage was the outcome of a strange romance the Grand Duke being exiled in consequence from his native land. Accordingly, he perhaps thought himself entitled to spend his first conjugal month according to his own and his wife's special fancy, and they made a motor tour through France, taking it in turns to drive the car, and traveling in such strict incognito that they were taken everywhere for a wealthy English couple already very much married indeed.

BRITISH OPINION

Among the definite proposals which President Roosevelt makes, the most important appear to be four. First, he demands for the government power to inspect the accounts of financial trusts in the same way as it inspects those of the national banks, whose business the trusts have been trying to do with assets small reserves. Secondly, he desires proper supervision of big industrial combinations; these, as he points out, are beyond the control of individual States, and, as he has already shown by his acts, he thinks that the powers given to the government by the constitution in regard to inter-State commerce can be effectively used for the objects he aims at. Thirdly, he appears to be definitely in favor of a graduated income tax and of an inheritance tax. The supreme court, as he observes, has pronounced against one form of income tax bill, but it may look more favorably on some other scheme. Fourthly, he asks congress to grant an extension of the Ocean Mail Act of 1891, providing mail subsidies, in order that the United States mails may not be dependant on foreign steamship lines to South America, Hawaii, and other places. He desires to see the army increased and put on a "ready" footing, for which more money will be required; a bill will be submitted to congress for this purpose. He also asks for a further large addition to the navy. At the same time, as a set-off to all this increased expenditure on armaments, he says many important things about the Hague Conference and its outcome; he is civil to the Japanese, and hopes their great exhibition, to be held in 1912, will be a success. As to the tariff his suggestions are of a negative character. The growing demand for "revision" is, he says, natural; the tariff ought to be revised at fairly frequent intervals, but there is to be no weakening on the principle of protection. This will be rather a blow to the advocates of reform of the United States tariff, but, on the other hand, the strictness of the "stand pat" policy will be angry with him for strongly supporting the proposal to repeal the duty on wood pulp to which newspaper proprietors take decided exception. The president approves of the scheme for establishing post office savings banks, a matter which, though of a financial character, has wider bearings than a measure of pure finance or banking.—London Times.

Canada (London).—The forests of Canada are supposed to be inexhaustible, but the same was said forty or fifty years ago of the United States timber limits, which are now approaching exhaustion. According to a recently issued American census bulletin, the standing timber in the United States will not last longer than a generation, even supposing that the annual consumption does not increase. The American forests still occupy an aggregate area greater than that of France, and they are well looked after, buyers of timber-limits from the United States Government being compelled to clear away underbrush and spare the small growing trees. Yet the total consumption is so great—21,000 miles reported an aggregate cut of 37½ billion feet board measure in 1906, and that was less than 40 per cent of the amount consumed—that a generation should see the Republic stripped of its timber up to the snowline. Four-fifths of the American forests are now privately owned or about to pass into private ownership; one result of which fact is the doubling of timber prices since 1900. Obviously, in the near future Canada will become the chief source of timber supply for the whole North American continent, and the gradual realization of this great reserve of wealth will be a still more important factor in the prosperity of the Dominion than is the case at present and a lasting one, provided the ravages of fire be properly checked, and steps taken to secure the renewal of the cleared woodlands. Let us hope that Canada will profit by the experience of the United States, and that the country now engages the attention of many able minds, and that the establishment of a system of forest preservation which could assure a perpetual yield in Ontario and other provinces will not be longer delayed. There ought to be a Minister of Forests in the Dominion Cabinet. Why not?

The Nation (London).—We gather from Lord Tweedmouth's and Mr. Robertson's speeches that the Government have not the smallest intention of granting an inquiry into the state of the navy, a conclusion in which the great body of public opinion will warmly support them.

The Spectator.—Our people forget that it is India, and not of England, which makes every Asiatic State shrink back from a collision with Great Britain, and enables our Ambassador, say at Peking, to remonstrate against unfair treatment in a voice, we fully admit, is apt occasionally to resemble too closely the voice of a master. And, indeed, it is India which rids us of our parochialism, and teaches our politicians how to govern on the great scale without ever quitting the path of justice and moderation.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

The Mayor and Mr. Higgins.

Sir—As Mr. Frank Higgins has thought fit to make his letter to me a matter of public interest I feel it my duty to the public and myself to reply to it. I am glad to hear that you intend for the reply which I here enclose and which I had sent to him immediately upon receipt of his communication. Thanking you for the reply,

A. J. MORLEY, Mayor.

December 26, 1907.

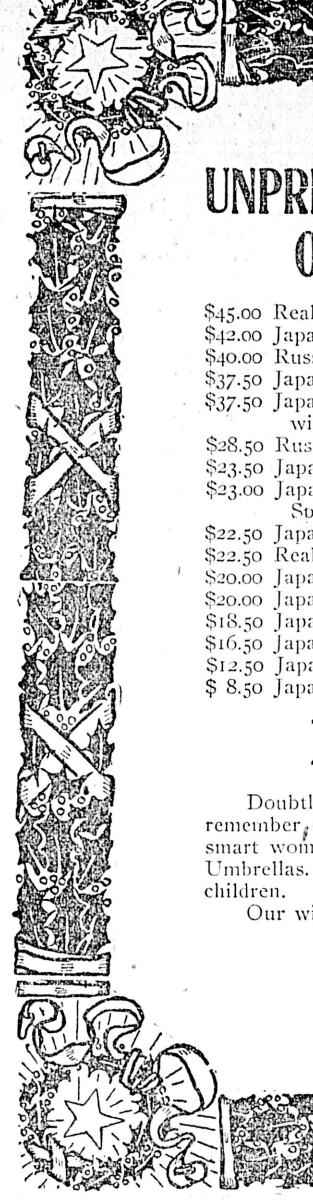
Victoria, B. C. Dec. 24, 1907.

Frank Higgins, Esq., Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir—In your issue of your communication of the 24th inst., and regret that you have such a mistaken opinion of my character and the intention of my actions, and suppose it would be to little purpose for me to assure you that there is no power on earth could persuade or compel me to do or allow to be done anything of an underhand nature either in connection with municipal election work or with any other matters pertaining to my office.

Your complaint that I have not kept my promise to you in regard to notifying you is not well taken as I am quite sure that from the manner of the conversation that took place between my fellow commissioners, Alderman Hall, yourself and myself it was understood that the court would have to transact any business without duly notifying you of its intention and the remarks there made in no way referred to anything that might be necessary heading up to a legal sitting of the court.

From the tone of your letter I would



Reclaiming the Zuyder Zee

The old Dutch proverb "God made the sea, and we made the land" is recalled by the news that the Dutch Government has in contemplation a vast scheme of reclamation on the Zuyder Zee, at an estimated cost of \$1,424,332, by which Holland would gain an additional province of 687 square miles, or something like 150,000 acres. Apart from the cost of pumping and maintenance, past experience of the extremely valuable nature of the older lands, as the reclaimed morasses are called, in Holland, would from the supposition that the returns from the land thus regained, the cost of which would amount to a trifle more than \$200 an acre, would amply repay the expenditure. Moreover, owing to its fertility and its location, the reclaimed character, the Zuyder Zee lends itself admirably to works of this kind.—New York Sun.

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A Contagious New Fashion.

Robinson, who had three automobiles, has sold two of them, and Mrs. Robinson will run her house with five servants this winter instead of the ten she had last year. Jones and his wife have closed their country house and rented their town house, releasing seventeen servants to other employment, and have gone to spend the winter at a hotel. The Browns have gone to Europe in the interest of economy—all but Brown himself, who is busy at home and has hired a room near his club. Social items of this sort are passing around abundantly, and these large measures of contracted expenditure of persons who lately were lavish are supplemented by wholesale by the more modest economies of more modest living folks who have been constrained to spend more than they had and are bound to squeeze back inside of their incomes. All such people will observe thankfully an item of news that comes from Omaha announcing a cut of one per cent, by some of the packing companies in the price of meat. Spending money is a good deal of a habit, and though nobody need expect to break it off entirely,

At the Balmoral—

E. R. Vizor, Seattle.  
Miss Prins, Holland.  
S. Prins, Victoria.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stewart, Saanich.  
Miss C. Turgoose, Saanich.  
T. D. Towney, Vancouver.  
W. J. Manson, Vancouver.

At the King Edward—

A. W. Bell, Vancouver.  
C. T. Moore, Seattle.  
P. Lloyd, Westholme.  
Dr. Lyall, Pt. Townsend.  
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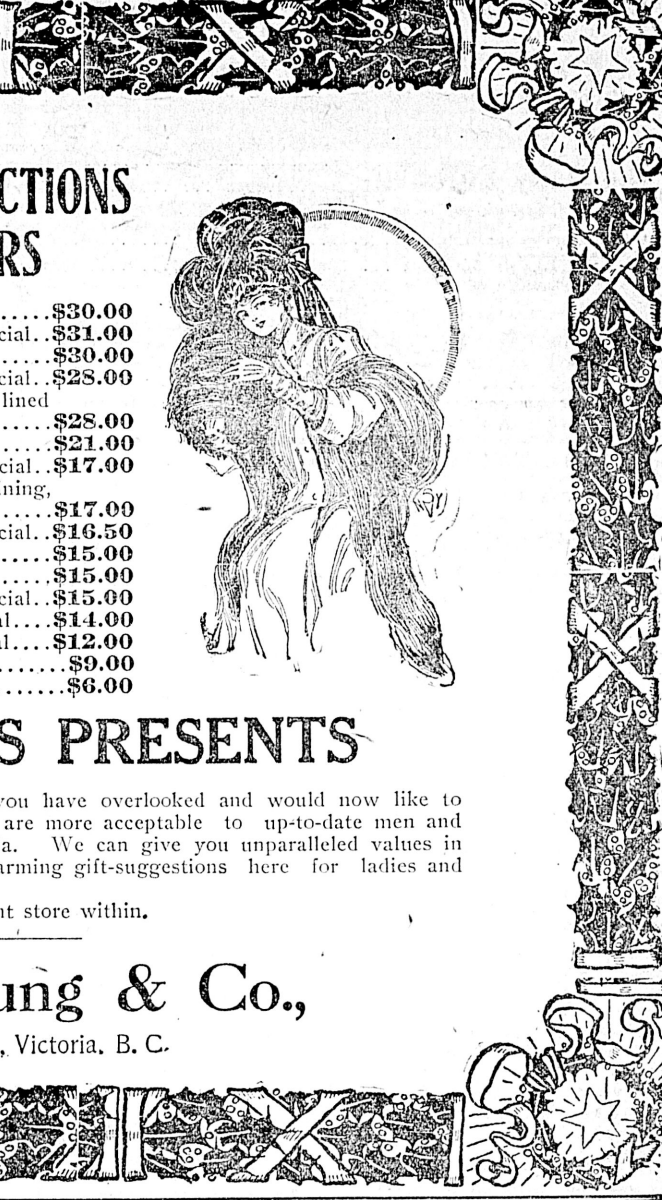
- \$45.00 Real Mink Stole, special .....\$30.00
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- \$20.00 Japanese Martin and Ermine Scarf, special.....\$15.00
- \$18.50 Japanese Martin and Ermine Scarf, special....\$14.00
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Doubtless there are a few people whom you have overlooked and would now like to remember on New Year's Day. Few things are more acceptable to up-to-date men and smart women than a stylish, close-roll Umbrella. We can give you unparalleled values in Umbrellas. Then, there are hosts of other charming gift-suggestions here for ladies and children.

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Capt. Gautier, Chemain.  
Rich. A. Ulrich, Seattle.  
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Another Arrival at the Beehive, Douglas street, of English Hosiery, Golf Blouses in latest styles, silk and muslin, and Delaine Blouses, exclusive in style also very much underpriced, strong stockings for the children, guaranteed to wear, from 25c.

The Royal Dairy, 642 Fort street, have removed into their new quarters, 1094 Broad street, Pemberton block, where they will hereafter be found. The Royal Dairy have very much enlarged not only their plant but their business scope, having added one of the largest freezers to be found on the coast. They are now in a position to supply the public with fresh butter, fresh milk, cream, ice cream and butter milk daily, delivered or called for at the dairy, 1094 Broad street.

Teddy Bears, from 65c to \$11.00 each. Victoria Book and Stationery Co., Limited.

### RETURNS FROM TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

#### Mr. Prins is Home After Visit to Europe and the Orient

After a visit of six months in England and on the continent, S. Prins returned to Victoria yesterday morning on the Tanga Maru. He was accompanied by his sister Miss Prins. In all Mr. Prins has been absent nearly nine months. Leaving Victoria on April 1, he crossed the Atlantic on the steamship which conveyed Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues to the old country for the colonial conference. Arriving in London he attended the banquet tendered Hon. Richard McBride. In addition to the premier speeches were delivered by T. P. O'Connor and others and the affair proved most interesting.

Leaving London October 5, Mr. Prins returned by way of Suez and the Orient, spending three weeks in Japan. He was in the latter kingdom during the visit of Hon. T. Lemieux, but the latter was unable to do little at that time, as he was still awaiting instructions. The opinion generally was that while Japan would not enter into any formal agreement with Canada to restrict the emigration of Japanese into the Dominion, the government of the Mikado would take effective measures to direct immigration into other channels.

"I was glad to return to Victoria for I like this city. I have spent 14 years here and the climate and scenery does not pall on one," remarked Mr. Prins.

While in London he was a frequent visitor at the office of the agent general and he heard a great many enquiries about Victoria and about the province generally. All those who had formerly visited this city spoke well of it. Canada generally is arousing great interest everywhere, both in Great Britain and on the continent.

Mr. Prins had looked forward to seeing the chrysanthemums in Japan of which there has been so much talk. They did not at all come up to his expectations. The flowers were smaller than those here but many buds grow on one plant.

Nearly all the Japanese a foreigner meets speak English, and there is little trouble in making one's way about.

### NEWS OF THE CITY

#### Tree For Orphans.

On Friday afternoon, Jan. 3, the annual Christmas tree of the B. C. Protestant Orphan's Home will be held. All friends are cordially invited to attend.

#### Annual Christmas Tree.

Tonight at 8 o'clock the annual Christmas Sunday school entertainment will be given at St. Columba church. A large number of prizes will be distributed among the scholars.

#### Annual Entertainment.

The annual Christmas tree of the Congregational church will be held this evening in the church, Pandora street. Supper will be served at six o'clock after which the distribution of prizes will take place.

#### Employees Remembered.

On Christmas Eve the employees of the Brackman Kerr Milling company were presented with a substantial present by the management as a reminder of the festive season of the year which was very much appreciated by them all.

#### Unemployed Find Work.

Up to last evening a total of 160 applications had been made to the civic employment bureau by men seeking work. The great majority of the applications have been favorably entertained and the applicants have been put upon city work.

#### Aid For Hindus.

Several contributions have been given by residents of the city in aid of the Hindus here. G. D. Kumar, acknowledges the receipt of contributions from the following: One blanket from Mrs. Blackwood, flour from Watson & McGregory, \$1.50 from a friend through the Y. M. C. A. Other cash contributions to the amount of \$7 were also received.

#### Owls In Session.

The last meeting of the year of the Victoria Nest, No. 10, Brotherhood of Owls, was held last evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. A meeting of the Grand Nest will be held at Portland on January 15 next and a report will be handed in by the grand officers showing the remarkable growth of the order, during the past year.

#### Express Company Fined.

The Dominion Express company was fined five dollars yesterday for obstructing Broughton street by allowing a wagon to remain in the street. A representative of the company stated that the obstruction was due to the livery stable which takes care of their rigs being temporarily short of accommodation, as it was moving stables. The chief, however, stated that the express company had been warned by him and had taken no notice of the warning.

#### Portrait of Dr. Davie.

A portrait of Dr. J. C. Davie painted by C. S. Hatch, the Winnipeg artist was presented to the Jubilee hospital on Christmas day by the Victoria Medical society. The presentation was made in consideration of Dr. Davie's efforts in securing the institution of the hospital. He has been prominent in the Victoria Medical society of which he was one of the founders and several times has occupied the chair of president. The presentation was made by Dr. Ernest Hall, secretary of the society. Dr. Davie is at present in the south for the benefit of his health.

#### Metropolitan Sunday School.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Metropolitan Methodist church Sunday school will take place this evening and promises to be in every way successful. In addition to an excellent programme of music, songs and recitations there will be a Christmas tree on which there will be presents of one kind or another for every child belonging to the school. A new departure this year is that the pupils of the primary class and the cradle roll will attend this entertainment instead of having a separate one of their own as they have had in previous years. Tonight's entertainment will start at 8 o'clock.

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Is Granted Permit.

A building permit was yesterday granted to F. Watson for the erection of a barn on Belleville street, to cost \$150.

#### Fire in Garage.

Shortly before 8 o'clock last night the fire brigade was called to Woods Bros' garage, Fort Street, where a small fire in some kindling beneath the floor had started. A few pails of water put out the blaze. No damage was done.

#### Smelter Being Overhauled.

The Tyee smelter at Ladysmith is being overhauled. The annual cleaning is taking place and in a week or so, work will be resumed. Ore is being received in large quantities at the smelter and when work commences again there will be a good supply on hand to begin with.

#### Will Enter Field.

H. Carlow, florist of Fort street, has announced his intention of entering the aldermanic contest in Ward One. He has been asked by a large number of his friends to offer himself as a candidate and while at first averse to entering the field has decided to do so. With Mr. Carlow in the field there will be five candidates in Ward One, F. J. Bittencourt, Henry Norman, Capt. Gidley and Ald. Ross.

#### Annual Christmas Event

This evening at 7.30 o'clock the Victoria West Methodist Sunday school will hold their Christmas entertainment in Semple's hall. The cantata "The Shadow of Santa Claus" will be given by the children who have been working hard to make the event a success. The children of the Sunday school will also bring free-will offerings for missions. There will be the usual distribution of sweets. An admission charge will be made to non-members of the Sunday school and adults.

#### Unique Christmas Souvenir.

It seems incredible now that a high scientific authority should have declared as recently as fifty years ago that wheat growing could never be made a success on this continent west of the state of Ohio. That declaration made by John Klippart, a member of many learned societies in his work on "The Wheat Plant," published in 1859, is one of the many interesting matters referred to in the little book entitled "Wheat From Canada's Far North West, With Some Account of Wheat Growing and Flower Milling Ancient and Modern," which the Free Press has sent out accompanied by a diminutive barrel—with staves, hoops, and all complete—filled with flour made at the Hudson Bay Company's mills at Port Vermilion, on the Peace river, the northernmost mill on the continent, from wheat grown in the Peace River country. For a number of years the Free Press has made it a custom to mark the Christmas season by sending out a souvenir, and this latest one in the series is worthy of its predecessors, if indeed it may not be said to excel them in interest.

### THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 26, 1907.

#### SYNOPSIS.

Unsettled weather conditions prevail over this entire western portion of the continent and the pressure is low in every district, the lowest point being now at Port Simpson; rainfall has been general west of the Rockies from Caspar, California, and in the prairie provinces the weather is colder with scattered light falls of snow.

#### TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B. C.	32	44
Vancouver	35	45
New Westminster	34	44
Kamloops	28	42
Barkerville	10	22
Fort Simpson	34	42
Atlin	10	22
Dawson, Y. T.	2	6
Calgary, Alta.	4	14
Winnipeg, Man.	4	24
Portland, Ore.	44	50
San Francisco, Cal.	48	58

#### FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Friday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Moderate or fresh winds chiefly southerly, unsettled and cold with occasional rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland: Chilly, cold and cold with occasional rain or snow.

WEDNESDAY.

Highest	48
Lowest	38
Mean	43

Rain, 31 inch.

THURSDAY.

Highest	44
Lowest	41
Mean	41

Rain, 17 inch; sunshine, 2 hours, 12 minutes.

#### One Too Many.

A street car in charge of a newly appointed Irish conductor, had just left the car barn for the down-town run. Before it had proceeded many blocks it was boarded by an inspector. This official, after a glance at the register and the occupants of the car, asked in surprise: "Why, O'Flaherty, how's this? You have seven passengers, and the register shows but six fares, what's up?"

"Begorra, that so?" puzzled the green conductor. Then instantly a happy solution of the difficulty struck him. "Git out o' here, wan o' yez!" he shouted. "There's wan too many o' yez on this car!"—Harper's Weekly.

#### Too late for Christmas: A shipment of Irish embroidered readymade fashions covers received Christmas eve now on sale at special bargain prices, 50c, 65c and 85c. Robinson's Cash Store, 86 Yates street.New Year's Cheer—Wine Glasses, \$1.50 and \$2.00 doz.; Sherry Glasses, \$2 and \$2.50 doz.; Claret Glasses, \$2.50 doz.; Whiskey Glasses, \$1.25 doz.; Brandy and Soda Glasses, \$1.25 and \$1.75 doz.; Beer Tumblers, 75c to \$2 doz.; Absinthe Glasses, \$1 doz.; Decanters, 40c to \$2.00. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.Ladies' Knitted Underwear. With long sleeves and high necks, just the right weight for present wear, special price 30c. Robinson's Cash Store, 86 Yates street. Only One "BROMO QUININE." That is Laxative Bromo Quinine. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the world over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

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Come and look over our stock of silver, bronze and copper novelties. We have a nice assortment at reasonable prices, and you will have little difficulty in selecting a suitable present here.

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3rd	..... 2694	8th	..... 2429
4th	..... 1474	9th	..... 2257
5th	..... 762	10th	..... 1634

Three more prizes were added to seven prizes, which were published before, making ten prizes all together.

December, 26, 1907.

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W. H. Adams, Sporting Goods Depot, 1307 Douglas street, Clarence block, having secured the services of a first class English gunmaker, am now prepared to undertake all classes of work, including repairs to small machinery, locks, and making keys, sewing machine repairs, etc. Also agents for Singer and Wheeler and Wilson sewing machines, as well as for the Automatic Hand-sewing Machine, at \$5 and \$7.50 each. Nice Xmas presents for the little girls. Twenty per cent. discount on footballs for this month. Phone 1235.

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## CONSIDER QUESTION OF A WATER SUPPLY

Next Meeting of City Council to Take Up the Matter

The question of a water supply for Victoria will come before the next meeting of the city council when a recommendation by Mayor Morley will be considered. The mayor yesterday posted notice that he would recommend to the council the advisability of passing the following resolution:

That the following question affecting the general public welfare be submitted to the electors under the provisions of the Referendum by-law at the next municipal elections:

"Shall the corporation of the city of Victoria, in addition to the proposed improvement of the city water supply, take such immediate steps as shall be necessary to secure an increase of the city's water supply from Sooke lake?"

Now that the conclusions arrived at by Arthur L. Adams, the water expert engaged by the city to study the various sources of water supply for the city, are in the hands of the council, the question will be dealt with immediately in order that the ratepayers may pass upon it at once.

Ald. Henderson will also introduce a resolution as follows:

"That the city introduce a by-law to raise the sum of \$619,000 for water works purposes, the annual cost to be met out of the frontage tax and water revenue."

**SUPT. GIBSON GIVEN A WATCH AND CHAIN**

Street Railway Employees Give Christmas Present to Traffic Superintendent

As indicating the very pleasant relations which exist among the employees of the B. C. Electric Railway & Lighting Co., a very pleasant incident occurred on Tuesday evening last, when H. Gibson, the traffic superintendent, was made the recipient of a handsome gold watch and chain. The gift was accompanied by the following address:

Capital Division No. 109 of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24, 67.  
To H. Gibson, Esq.,  
Traffic Superintendent.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the members of Division No. 9, it affords me much pleasure on the eve of Christmas to present you with this watch and chain. We trust that you will accept this small gift as a token of respect, and we all sincerely hope that you will long be spared to remain with us. We trust that the good feeling that has on all occasions existed between us will still continue. And now, dear Sir, I must draw this to a close, wishing you the compliments of the season, and the same from all the boys.

**GEORGE GARDINER,**  
Secretary

## SONS OF ENGLAND

INSTAL OFFICERS

Interesting Evening Spent by Members of Milton Lodge —Mr. Price Speaks

The Sons of St. George gathered in their full strength on Tuesday last to witness the installation of their officers for the ensuing term, and to honor the official visit of the grand president, W. H. Price. The grand president, who was accompanied by the grand sentinel, George Penketh, and the grand district deputy, S. Court, was received with the grand honors. After the business of the installation had been accomplished and the several degrees conferred, the members escorted the grand officers to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast was served. The grand district deputy, Court, who was the toastmaster, proposed the health of the King, which was drunk with royal honors. The toast of the order of the Sons of St. George, coupled with the name of the grand president, was drunk with great enthusiasm. Grand President Price, in responding to the toast, assured the members of Milton Lodge that he anticipated the honor of visiting him that evening and felt that British Columbia had been most generously treated by the grand lodge of the Pacific coast jurisdiction by electing him the chief officer of the order. He congratulated the members on the great increase in their membership, and pointed out that they now had close on 30,000 members. The financial condition of the lodges was in a very flourishing condition and though heavy demands had been made on their treasury to assist their brothers who had suffered by the fire in San Francisco, they still stood in a better condition than ever. The supreme secretary's report showed that over \$25,000 had been disbursed in rendering assistance to their sick members, whilst the families of departed brothers had been given over \$75,000. He regretted to state that the records of the grand lodge were lost in the fire and that their charter and regalia and the lodge property of the San Francisco members was completely destroyed. However, the members of San Francisco had shown themselves worthy representatives of their race by building the first fraternal hall in San Francisco after the fire. The grand president paid tribute to the members of Albion lodge, in Oakland, who had placed the whole of their funds at the disposal of members of San Francisco. He assured the brothers of Milton lodge that their generosity had been highly appreciated by the grand lodge and thanked the members, on their behalf. He congratulated the members on the excellent showing made in the report that evening and felt that it was mainly due to their energetic secretary. He hoped that the members of Milton lodge would continue their good work and wished them all a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The toast of the grand district deputy and secretary was heartily drunk, and in response Brother Court spoke of the excellent assistance rendered to the order by the young men. He asked that each member strive to

assist the newly elected officers by frequent attendance. Brother Penketh, in thanking the members, spoke of the earlier history of Milton lodge and of the assistance the lodge had been to its members. He spoke of the large number of past presidents there that evening, which showed the interest felt by those who had helped the lodge through its early struggles. He felt extremely gratified by the report made that evening, and hoped the lodge would continue to prosper. A long musical program followed, the following brothers assisting: Bros. Sallaway, Gough, Wood, Penketh, Jeeves and Ward. The officers installed were:

Past president, Bro. F. Jeeves.  
President, Bro. G. Sallaway.  
Vice-president, Bro. P. Winterburn.  
Secretary, Bro. George Penketh.  
(Sentinel term)  
W. messenger, Bro. G. Rudd.  
W. A. messenger, Bro. F. Clarke.  
W. chaplain, Bro. S. Greenhalgh.  
W. I. S., Bro. J. Levy.  
W. O. S., Bro. Geo. Watson.  
Trustee, Bro. J. Liddiard.

## BOXING DAY A CUSTOM OF EXTREME ANTIQUITY

Institution Probably Derived From Saturnalia of Ancient Rome

Yesterday was Boxing day, and though not regarded as a holiday so religiously as is the case in the old country, it was marked by the closing of the courthouse and the government buildings.

Boxing day is one of those quaint old world customs whose exact origin is shrouded in mystery, but which survive in England in a modified form and which is never likely to be abandoned there, so strongly has it worked itself into the fibres of the national life. Its chief significance nowadays is the fact that it is a general holiday, and the day set apart for remunerating those whose efforts contribute to the amenities of existence. The English postman looks upon Boxing day as an important source of income. He works hard the year round for a small wage, but his Christmas bills, at any rate, form an item which he never has to worry about.

Although the exact origin of the day is disputed, there is no question that it got its name from the custom which has been prevalent in England for centuries for the gentry to give presents to the dependents on the day after Christmas, presents which gradually acquired the name of Christmas Boxes. This custom has spread, as indicated, from the largesse of the country gentleman to the almost universal habit of making gifts to those whose avocations are a service the year round to the giver.

Antiquaries give the custom a very ancient origin. They trace back the institution to the days of Pagan Rome. According to them, the origin of the modern Boxing day is to be found in the revels and ceremonies which accompanied the feast of Saturn, better known as the Saturnalia. The feast of Saturn is of extremely ancient origin, but from the time of Caesar Augustus until the Christian era, the Saturnalia began December 17, followed on the nineteenth by the Opalia or feast of Ops. To this the Emperor Caligula added a fifth day called the feast of the young, though there seems little doubt that the Romans indulged in a spell of revelry which lasted for a week.

During this festival all distinctions of rank were set aside, and it was the custom to give presents to one another, which curiously enough as often took the form of wax tapers or clay dolls as of money. The time of the festival was stated to have been one of general joy and mirth. The wooden fetters were taken from the feet of the image of Saturn, to whom each worshipper offered a pig. During the festival, unless severe closed, no war was declared or battle fought, and no punishment was inflicted. In place of the toga, an undress garment was worn, and distinctions of rank were laid aside. Slaves sat at table with their masters, and were sometimes even waited upon by them, while the utmost freedom of speech was allowed. Gambling with dice, which ordinarily was prohibited, was permitted and commonly practised as long as the fun lasted.

Upon the advent of Christianity as the official religion of Rome, this festival underwent a change in name, but as was frequently the case with the old established heathen customs and festivals, not much of a change in spirit. The festival, however, was postponed a week, and started the day after Christmas, instead of December 17, and lasted till New Year's day. The custom soon spread through Christendom, and the statement of antiquaries that our Boxing day customs and Christmas holiday revels are the lineal descendants of the Saturnalia of ancient Rome seems plausible. It is doubtful, however, if the blue coated guardian of the peace as he looks the other way on the approach of a band of Christmas revelers is aware that he is acting exactly as did his prototype in the days of Caesar Augustus.

## PLEADS GUILTY TO PASSING BAD CHECK

John E. Ainsworth Gathered in by the Seattle Police and Brought Here

John E. Ainsworth pleaded guilty yesterday to having obtained \$47 by false pretences from B. Williams & Co. The case was remanded for a day to permit of evidence being adduced to show the circumstances under which the offense was committed.

It appears that December 7 Ainsworth bought a suit of clothes and some other articles from B. Williams & Co., giving a check for \$47 in payment. He also received some cash with the goods. The check turned out to be worthless, but in the meantime Ainsworth had gone to Vancouver. The police there were unable to locate him, but the Seattle police, who had also been notified, picked him up December 24, and he was brought here by Detective Pedure.

In court yesterday the chief of police asked for a remand of a day to give someone from Williams & Co. an opportunity to appear and testify. He also intimated that there was another worthless check of Ainsworth's floating about Victoria.

## GREEK BEATS GREEK IN GAME OF CARDS

Lamus Gets His Money Back, Massuras is Ugly and Goes to Jail

When Greek meets Greek there is proverbially trouble, so it is not to be wondered at that the association of Goust Massuras and John S. Lamus should have proved a strong one. The only subject for wonderment is that a Greek who had served his apprenticeship in Seattle should have proved such an easy mark as Lamus did, according to the story he told to the chief of police yesterday.

Lamus, it seems, came over to Victoria a few days ago to take over the shoe black stand in front of the Manitoba saloon and Massuras, a Greek who has been in Victoria for some time, was working either with him or for him. On Christmas day, according to Lamus' story, to which the police attach credence, a friendly game of cards was proposed. Massuras thought it would be better fun if there was real money on the table, but Lamus understood no money was to pass.

Describing the game to the police, Lamus said:

"He had a lot of cards in his vest, and every now and then he take one out to play. I see him, but think it all right as we play for fun. If we play for money, directly I lose two or three dollars I stop as I think it not much fun, but yesterday it was all right, so I go on and pay over \$93.50. Massuras, he keep it all on the table, and I think it all right, but when we get up and I ask for my money, he put it in his pocket and say he won it."

Lamus is a young fellow, not, apparently, over twenty and perhaps not so old. Massuras is rather a hard looking citizen, nearly ten years his senior. At the police station yesterday morning, the chief advised Massuras to give back the money to avoid further trouble. He did so, but on leaving the station he made a remark in Greek to Lamus, which his compatriot said was a threat to kill him. The police rescued him, but after they got down town, Massuras, who was very angry indeed, renewed his threats and announced his intention of forthwith buying a revolver and getting even with his countryman. M. Lamus became much alarmed and sent for the police. They gathered in the belligerent Greek, who is now cooling his heels in the police station.

Lamus, when seen after the occurrence, expressed his intention of taking proceedings against the man, in which case the affair will probably be ventilated shortly in the police court. The next time he plays for fun, Lamus has decided to use counters instead of money.

## Will Meet Monday Night

The Lifboat and Lifesaving association of British Columbia desires to ask that all persons feeling an interest in the manning of the lifboat for Victoria and district will meet at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Monday evening Dec. 30, at 8 o'clock, when arrangements for the future will be discussed.

## PROPOSITION IS BEING RECEIVED WITH FAVOR

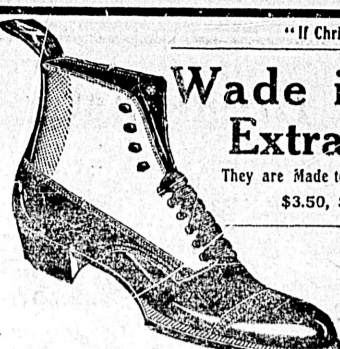
People of Oak Bay Take Kindly to the Idea of Boat Club

The public generally in Oak Bay district appear to be greatly interested in the establishing of the proposed boat club there, for not only members of the club but property holders and tax payers generally are anxious to see the club meet at Oak Bay for the residents and visitors to have the opportunity, particularly during the summer months, of obtaining boats both for pleasure and for fishing. All who have been spoken to on the subject are unanimous in stating that it is a much-needed institution, and are very anxious that municipal council should pass favorably on the request for a site at Turkey point on Oak Bay, as outlined by the petition that was presented to the council by Councillor Newton last Monday night.

When this matter was first taken up it seemed doubtful, particularly at this time of the year, if enough membership could be secured to guarantee the financial success of the undertaking, but the idea has proved so popular that within three days the committee appointed secured many more than the required amount of names for the charter membership and disposed without any trouble of more than sufficient debentures to provide the ready money needed to buy the boat house, move it to a suitable location, enlarge it, fit it up and generally have it ready for the club proper to make the clubhouse an attractive building, one that will not in any way be a detriment to the waterfront. In fact, the members are most anxious to have a structure of an artistic and beautiful appearance, while at the same time having as much room as possible for the storing of boats belonging to the members and other boats for the purpose of renting out.

They still have more debentures to dispose of, as at a meeting of the club held this week it was decided to buy more boats in order that there should be sufficient to supply the demand on holidays and during the fishing season at which time the need for this is very much felt. It is their desire to let out as many boats as possible so that the winter club proper they will be able to keep the fees down to the very lowest figure, for, as Mr. Newton pointed out at the meeting, it is not the object of the club to make money, but to provide an attraction at Oak Bay from which the public can benefit while at the same time the club members will have the use of the conveniences.

It is understood that the petition will come up for consideration at the meeting of the roads and bridges committee of the municipal council tomorrow morning, and it is hoped by the advocates of the club that a favorable response will be given the club's proposal, particularly as the public interest cannot in any way be damaged if the club is only granted a yearly lease which would not be renewable unless it was found that the club is to be of public benefit. No doubt the



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## PROFESSIONALS AND AMATEURS IN SPORT

Interesting Letter From Old Country Football Authority on Subject

In answer to a communication seeking information regarding the playing together of amateurs and professionals in the old country, J. G. Brown, president of the Vancouver Island Football association has received the following interesting letter from F. J. Wall, secretary of the English Football association:

"J. G. Brown, President Vancouver Island Football Association.

"Dear Sir,—I am pleased to receive your letter of Nov. 25.

"Our rules (rule 25) a copy of which I send you herewith, define a professional football player as follows:

"Any player registered with this association as a professional or receiving remuneration or consideration of any sort above his necessary hotel and traveling expenses actually paid shall be considered to be a professional."

"The British Columbia Football association will doubtless take steps to protect its members having regard to the rule of the Canadian Amateur Athletic union.

"The rule of the union appears to be a very drastic one.

"There are many of our university and public school men playing with the best professional clubs in England. The amateur status of these players is in no way affected.

"Amateur clubs in England are regularly playing against professional clubs.

"I do not think I can state the matter more definitely than I have done but if you think I can be of further use please do not hesitate to write to me.

"F. J. WALL."

## SIX CLUB CIRCUIT.

Pacific Coast Baseball League Magnates Considering Question.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Notices have been sent out to the various clubs in the Pacific Coast League that the meeting of the league for the purpose of transacting the annual business will be held in this city Thursday, January 2. There is one important question to be decided by the league—that of whether it will increase its membership from four to six clubs. All of the clubs favor this plan, if it is feasible, but President Ewing has stated all along that it would be necessary for the applicants to make a strong case.

Los Angeles is anxious for more baseball in the south, and to that end Berry says that one of the new clubs can be furnished in Southern California, Mayor Harper, Charles Fox and others being willing to invest the money.

Some other city is to be selected. It will probably come from San Jose, Stockton or Sacramento, in which case more rivalry will be precipitated with the California State league.

## EASTERN LEAGUE HEADS.

Managers of Clubs Selected for the Season of 1908.

Buffalo, Dec. 26.—The Eastern League managers have all been selected, and the heads of the various clubs are now hard at work looking for new men and planning out the line of campaign for the season of 1908. In view of the scarcity of managerial ability, which owners all over the country are complaining of, the Eastern League is indeed fortunate in the strength and ability of the men it has secured to manage the various clubs on the circuit. They are as follows:

Buffalo—George Smith.  
Baltimore—Jack Dunn.  
Jersey City—Joe Bean.  
Montreal—James Morgan.  
Newark—Walter C. Burnham.  
Providence—Hugh Duffy.  
Rochester—Al Buckenberger.  
Toronto—Mike Kelly.

With the exception of Morgan at Montreal and Mike Kelly, of the pennant winners, all the Eastern League managers are the same as last year, though Smith occupied the position of acting manager at the tail end of the Buffalo season last year, taking over the management when McAllister resigned.

At Baltimore Jack Dunn will have Owner Ned Hanlon as adviser. The pair have already begun the work of strengthening the team. Baltimore is to get Knight, the crack infielder, who can play third base in Boston, in part payment for Pitcher Burchell. Knight is one of the men whom Rochester fans had hoped might go there. Baltimore also hopes to get three players from the Tri-State league, a pitcher, an infielder and an outfielder.

Want Daniels In Australia.

New York, Dec. 26.—C. M. Daniels, the New York Athletic club champion swimmer, has received an invitation to visit Australia, accompanied by an offer to pay his expenses for six months on a tour to embrace Melbourne, Sydney and leading cities in New Zealand, and other Australasian countries, to compete against the crack swimmers of the antipodes. It is unlikely that Daniels will take up the matter, he being unwilling to spend so long a time away from his business.

## LYON TO DEFEND TITLE

Olympic Golf Champion Will Go to England Next Year

From Toronto now comes the news that though George S. Lyon, the Canadian golf champion, had practically decided to go to the British Olympic and defend the title of Olympic golf champion, it has now been made a certainty by the Canadian Olympic committee taking the matter up. Mr. Lyon is admitted to be the best man in Canada playing the game, and while Dr. R. Martin, of Hamilton, has beaten him four out of six games this year, it is said that Mr. Lyon never shows his best form when playing against him, and he is head and

shoulders ahead of any other Canadian in the game. If the funds will permit it is the intention to send three or four other men over, of whom Mr. Martin will be one. Others mentioned are A. E. Austin, Jr., of the Lambton Golf and Country club, Toronto, and T. W. Relth, of the Beacconsfield Golf club of Montreal.

## ENGLISH FOOTBALL

Results of Last Saturday's Games in the Old Country

London, Dec. 26.—The English and Southern league football results on Saturday were as follows:

**Southern League**

Brantford 1, Portsmouth 1.  
Bristol Rovers 2, Brighton and Hove 1.  
Leyton 5, Luton 0.  
Brighton 2, Crystal Palace 1.  
Watford 0, Swindon 0.  
Norwich City 2, Tottenham Hotspurs 1.  
Northampton 1, Queen's Park Rangers 2.  
Southampton 0, West Ham United 0.  
Plymouth Argyle 1, New Brompton 0.  
Millwall 0, Bradford Park 1.

**English League**

Sunderland 2, Newcastle United 4.  
Sheffield United 1, Aston Villa 1.  
Nottingham Forest 2, Preston North End 2.  
Middlesbrough 3, Liverpool 1.  
Manchester United 3, Manchester City 1.  
Everton 1, Woolwich Arsenal 1.  
Chelsea 3, Bury 4.  
Bolton Wanderers 1, Bristol City 2.  
Blackburn Rovers 1, Notts County 2.  
Birmingham 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1.

## GOLF MATCH TOMORROW.

Two teams captained by Commander Allgood and Lieut.-Col. Grant will engage in a match at the United Service Golf club links tomorrow afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. The game should prove most interesting. The players have been drawn as follows:

Com. Allgood vs. Admiral Fleet.  
Mr. Fletcher vs. Col. Grant.  
Mr. Richard, R.N., vs. Mr. Payne.  
Capt. Elliston, R.C.A., vs. Lieut. Hodgson, R.N.  
Lieut. Hagarty, R.C.A., vs. Sergt. Davidson, R.N.  
Mr. Foster vs. Capt. Macdonald, R.A.  
Mr. Arbuckle vs. Capt. Hughes, R.C.E.  
Mr. Francis vs. Mr. Bowley.  
Mr. Smith vs. Mr. Cane.  
Bryan Combe vs. Mr. Brown.  
Mr. Galletly vs. Mr. Hollier.

## HALIFAX SCULLER FOR OLYMPIC REGATTA

John O'Neil Will Likely Represent Canada in the Senior Single Event

Halifax, Dec. 26.—The eastern and western provinces of the Dominion have become so accustomed to many in Ontario and Quebec thinking they represent Canada that followers of sport were not surprised to read that a Toronto paper in selecting a team to represent Canada in Rugby football at the Olympic games had named only players in these two provinces, and even in selecting a second team had mentioned only players from Ontario and Quebec, says the Telegraph.

But it was regarded as a joke, as that journal in mentioning the players named less than those required for an English Rugby game, and gave them positions similar to those in Canadian Rugby, much different from the English game. The ignorance displayed was laughable, but when other papers which should know better copy the same article without comment it becomes worthy of attention, and calls for the necessity of the other provinces once more making known to some at least the fact that there are places in Canada besides Ontario and Quebec.

To send a Rugby team to England without some players having a knowledge of that game would be absurd. The lower provinces are not fighting for places on the team, they wish to see the best fifteen selected, and the western province footballists will no doubt feel likewise. They do not ask that all players be selected from these districts because these are the only places in Canada where English Rugby is played, which they might as well as only Ontario and Quebec players be selected, but they only wish to be recognized. There are brilliant individual players in Canadian Rugby who will be well worthy a place, and who would perhaps be stars of fifteen, but to send an entire team of men who have no knowledge of English Rugby means they would likely be penalized so much for infringements in the game that there would be no question as to Canada's representative in the single sculls in John O'Neil, of Halifax, who both in 1906 and 1907 showed himself the best man in Canada by defeating the holder of the title in Canada each year at the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen at Worcester and Philadelphia respectively.

The Maritime provinces are not making demands; they want Canada represented by the best material in Canada, but they want to be considered as well as Ontario and Quebec. No doubt the western provinces feel likewise, but they can speak for themselves.

It is certainly up to the M. P. A. A. to get busy at once to see the Maritime provinces are considered, and no doubt the western associations will also take the matter in hand.

In connection with the Olympic games other provinces should also be considered. The amateur shell events at regatta are to consist of an eight, four and single sculls, the Toronto Argonauts are named for the eight and deservedly so, and there should be no question as to Canada's representative in the single sculls in John O'Neil, of Halifax, who both in 1906 and 1907 showed himself the best man in Canada by defeating the holder of the title in Canada each year at the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen at Worcester and Philadelphia respectively.

## VICTORIA Y.M.C.A. TEAM LOSES TO VANCOUVER

Opening Game of Pacific Coast League at Drill Hall Christmas Night

Victoria got off to an inauspicious start in the Pacific Coast Y. M. C. A. basketball league series on Christmas night at the Drill hall, taking the short end of a 16 to 9 score with Vancouver. The game attracted a big crowd and proved a fast clean contest. The locals were without the service of Bob White, their crack center, and this made considerable difference in their play. Vancouver had the heavier team and their combination work of the visitors was better than that of the locals.

In the preliminary to the big game the Fifth Regiment defeated the Y. M. C. A. intermediates by a score of 19 to 13. A band concert during the evening made things pleasanter for the spectators.

After the game the Vancouver team was given a supper at the Y. M. C. A. by the local Y. M. C. A. Secretary J. Brice presided and an enjoyable time was spent. The next game in the series takes place on Tuesday when Seattle plays here.

## Junior Basketball Tonight

This evening there will be a game in the Junior Basketball league between the Shamrocks and the J. B. A. A. in the latter's hall, play commencing at 8 o'clock. This is the way the teams will line up:

**Shamrocks** Bays  
T. O'Rourke ... Guards ..... Aubrey L. O'Leary ... Elworthy  
M. Keappeck ... Centre ..... Lawson  
Silver ... Forwards ..... Cousins  
T. McDonald ... Forwards ..... Thomas

## VICTORIA GOLFERS OFF ON LONG TRIP

Will Play in Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, Returning Next Wednesday

The Victoria Golf club's Treat cup team will leave today for a trip to Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, playing the clubs in each of these places in turn. The team, which will consist of H. Combe, C. K. Magill, C. A. Boyd, C. J. Prior, J. A. Rithet and C. W. Rhodes, will play in Seattle tomorrow, Tacoma on Sunday and Portland next Tuesday, returning on Wednesday.

Capt. Combe is hopeful of winning all three games. If the team is successful in doing so, the Treat cup will come to Victoria. The locals have already beaten Portland and Seattle here, and as these are the strongest teams they will have to contend against they think their chances of going round the circuit without a defeat are good.

The return team match between the United Service golf club and the Victoria golf club scheduled for Saturday has been postponed because of the Victoria club's Portland trip.

## JAMES BAY RUGBY TEAM WINS AT LAST

Victoria Club Beaten at Oak Bay Oval on Christmas Morning

The James Bay Athletic association rugby team has at last succeeded in hanging up a victory over the Victoria rugby team, turning the trick on Christmas day at Oak Bay. For four successive games the Bays tasted defeat, but they secured some sweet revenge on the holiday, when they won after a hard struggle in the mud by a score of 16 to 11. The score was the biggest and most one-sided of the entire season, which also helped some from the Bays' view of it.

The Victoria team could manage to get only eleven men out and borrowed two of the Bay men, both sides playing thirteen. The Bays started off with a rush, and despite the sloppy state of the field, some fast playing resulted. Thompson started the scoring by a pretty try which Nason converted. The Victorians were kept on the defensive most of the time, although Meredith, Harvey and Pitts broke away at intervals and looked dangerous. Miller scored again before half-time, but the try was not converted. At half-time the score was 8 to 0.

On resuming play the Bays were again on the aggressive and succeeded in scoring two more tries, one of which was converted. The forward line of the Bays was their strong division, Miller, Sedger, Sweeney and Spencer showing up in good form. Nason, Thompson and Johnson, behind the line, also did good work for Victoria. Meredith, Harvey, Newcombe and Callaghan saved the team from a larger score. Mr. Pitts acted as referee.

The game was more in the nature of a practice for the Stanford game here a week from tomorrow than anything else, as the teams were scrub fifteens. Some good rugby was shown however, despite the slippery condition of the field, and the players had a splendid workout for the game with the Southern university team. When the game ended they were almost unrecognizable through the coating of mud they carried. The locals will practice again tomorrow, and will be out again every night next week. As Vancouver defeated Stanford, the locals believe that they might be able to likewise, so that they will be able to get out a much stronger team than that which went to Vancouver last Saturday.

On Saturday the Victoria represent-

ative team will line up against the locals. This will give the Victorians a chance to play together and get out the fine points of combination and team play, in order to be in the best of shape when they meet Stanford on January 4. Those wishing a game should be on hand Saturday, as there are a few vacancies on the misty fifteen. The players realize they must practice regularly with one another if they are to make a showing against Stanford, and are leaving no stone unturned. Sunday morning they will again have a practice and all are expected to be on hand.

The tickets for the Stanford game which are on sale now are being disposed of rapidly, and a few crowd will likely be present. A few particulars about the weights and ages of the Stanford players would not be out of place just now. Here they are:

Name	Position	Age	Height	Weight
J. B. Pemberton	forward	28	6-2	180
C. Pemberton	forward	20	5-10	160
K. Koenig	forward	21	6-1	170
Ralph Reynolds	forward	19	6-0	171
J. O. Miller	forward	21	6-1	175
L. R. Minura	forward	20	6-1 1/2	194
H. Rhyno	forward	23	5-8	156
A. E. Cooke	forward	21	6-1 1/2	170
C. E. Ganong	forward	20	5-8	150
M. M. Mitchell	forward	21	5-11	178
D. C. Crawford	forward	20	6-2	188
K. L. C. Crawford	forward	20	6-2	188
R. D. Hinchey	halfback	21	5-8	147
S. M. Vall	first 5-8	22	5-8	143
C. C. Terrell	second 5-8	21	5-8	155
J. R. Holman	wing	21	6-0	160
A. E. Cooke	wing	21	6-0	160
T. Vandervoort	cent.	24	5-10 1/2	165
H. E. Reid	centre	24	5-9 1/2	150
F. Brown	fullback	18	5-10	162
George Proby	coach	22	5-8 1/2	150
G. Knapp	manager	21	6-0	155

## CITY LEAGUE SEASON CONCLUDES SATURDAY

Three Games Carded for Tomorrow, Two Being at Oak Bay Oval

Tomorrow's games in the Victoria District Football league series practically conclude the season. The championship should be definitely settled tomorrow. The Bays have practically landed the honor now by virtue of their victory over the Fifth Regiment on Christmas day, but a draw or a win tomorrow will clinch the title for the Bays, as it will then be impossible for any team to tie them. That possibility still remains in the case of the Shearwater being in such a position that were the Bays to lose both their two remaining games and the Shearwater to win the three games it has scheduled, the teams would be tied. Nobody is looking for anything of the kind, however, and the Bays will likely not only be champions, but they will very probably complete their season without a defeat. The games for tomorrow will start at 2:30 o'clock and are as follows:

At Oak Bay—James Bay Athletic association vs. Garrison. Referee, Fred Richardson.

At Oak Bay—Y. M. C. A. vs. Egeria. Referee, J. W. Lorimer.

At Port Point Barracks—Shearwater vs. Fifth Regiment. Referee, W. Lockley.

The Esquimalt team wound up its league season on Christmas day with a victory over H. M. S. Egeria at Work Point Barracks by a score of 3 goals to nil. The grounds were in poor shape and the game consequently was scarcely up to the mark. The Esquimalt mustered ten men and two of these found the going too strenuous in the second half so they quit, reducing the team to eight players. Under the circumstances the Egeria did well to keep the score so low. Esquimalt scored once in the first half and twice in the second.

Down at the Oak Bay oval on the holiday the Bays had a hard game with the Fifth Regiment team which was specially strengthened for the occasion, but the league leaders managed to come out on top with the score 1 to nil. The only goal of the game was secured in the first half. Considering that the ground was in wretched condition, the game was pretty fair sort of an exhibition. The Bays were weak on the forward line but their great defence was in fine trim and though the Regiment made a brave fight of it the champions-to-be were too strong for them. The teams were as follows:

James Bay A.A. Fifth Regt.

Northcott	Goal	Jones
Lorimer <td>Fullback<td>Kinloch</td></td>	Fullback <td>Kinloch</td>	Kinloch
Lorimer <td>Halfback<td>W. Fairall</td></td>	Halfback <td>W. Fairall</td>	W. Fairall
Hughes <td>Halfback<td>Petch</td></td>	Halfback <td>Petch</td>	Petch
Shanks <td>Forwards<td>C. Fairall</td></td>	Forwards <td>C. Fairall</td>	C. Fairall
E. Davis <td>Forwards<td>Berkeley</td></td>	Forwards <td>Berkeley</td>	Berkeley
C. Davis <td>Forwards<td>Kroeger</td></td>	Forwards <td>Kroeger</td>	Kroeger
Peden <td>Forwards<td>Loat</td></td>	Forwards <td>Loat</td>	Loat
Gray <td>Forwards<td>Schwengers</td></td>	Forwards <td>Schwengers</td>	Schwengers
Todd <td>Forwards<td>J. Lawson</td></td>	Forwards <td>J. Lawson</td>	J. Lawson

The following is the standing of the league to date:

W. L. D.	P. A. Pts
James Bay A. A.	9 0 3 24
Esquimalt	7 5 2 27
M. S. Egeria	5 3 18 16
H. M. S. Shearwater	7 2 1 18
Garrison	6 5 1 14
H. M. S. Egeria	5 4 1 15
Fifth Regiment	3 8 1 10
Victoria United	0 1 0 2

## VANCOUVER WINNER OF SENSATIONAL GAME

Stanford University Beaten in a Sea of Mud on Christmas Day

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—After seventy-five minutes of hard grinding play on a ground which was a sea of mud with the players almost unrecognizable and with a frantic crowd cheering itself hoarse, Fyson, the Vancouver five-eighth, darted across the Stanford line at Recreation park yesterday and won the first game of a series of three by the only score of the match.

Captain Marpole took the kick but the ball failed to rise and three points to nil was the score when the final whistle blew five minutes later.

That it was the greatest game of Rugby ever witnessed at Recreation park was the unanimous opinion of the two thousand spectators who crowded the grandstand and waved the British and Vancouver colors as their fancy dictated. There were many ladies present, and these screamed and cheered in a manner which showed the hold the game had on them.

The game was won by the Vancouver forwards who were superior in the loose, and it was their clever footwork that eventually won the tie. The Stanford forwards had much the better of the argument in the scrum, and

their heeling was beautiful. The ball time out with a crisp, clean backward drive, and their backs received twice to Vancouver's once.

It was extremely hard lines for the Cardinals to lose, for there was absolutely nothing to choose between the teams and Vancouver might easily have lost. On at least three occasions Stanford had a clear field, but the fatal tendency to hang on to the ball was responsible for these fine efforts being smothered.

This, however, did not achieve the same result as the mass work of the Vancouver men who stuck to dribbling, and worked down field by this method. The Stanford backs showed more initiative and daring than their opponents, and cut out brilliant openings, but there was a fatal tendency to hang on to the ball too long. On at least three occasions certain scores were spoiled by this fault, for the wing man was uncovered, and it only needed a well-timed pass to put him in. The man with the ball, however, held on, and was tackled and smothered before he could get the leather away. With this exception the work of Stanford was absolutely faultless, and the majority of the spectators were of opinion that given a dry ground Coach Presley's prediction would be carried out, and the Cardinals would win.

Their admitted strength is in their fast backs, who, even on yesterday's sloppy ground, showed speed and determination, and it needed little imagination to figure what the Californians would do under favorable conditions. For a team made up of men who have only played game for the past year or so, the display was a revelation. It was Rugby quite up to the standard of an average Welsh or New Zealand club, and through the exhibition the players won many friends.

At no stage of the game could Vancouver claim an advantage, and only a minute before the score Stanford had besieged the Vancouver line and were almost over. Then came relief when Spencer, the rush of the Vancouver forwards, a scrum on the line and a quick dash by Fyson with the result that the home team won a well-earned victory.

The game was wonderfully clean, though the same cannot be said of the players, who were unrecognizable after a few minutes' play, for one plunge into the mixture of mud and water was sufficient to disguise a man.

There was never a dull moment, and the whole eighty minutes of play was crammed full with good things. No one knew who would win, and as time went on it seemed certain that the result would be a pointless draw. Not a man on either side slacked up, and the pace at the finish was hotter than in the early stages. The tackling was deadly, and no player ever got far with the ball. Stanford adopted the snappy passing tactics of New Zealand, and it proved wonderfully successful, the forwards taking and giving quite as smartly as the backs. It was a great match played by great teams, and both deserve the highest praise.

It was surprising to note the large number of ladies present and the fair enthusiasts were as deeply interested as any mere man. They cheered and shouted with the best, and when at last the sun burst through the watery clouds, and brightened the stadium, it was the only thing needed to make the occasion a great scene, where brave men and fair women foregathered in the interests of true sport, and for the sake of a grand old game.

There was one change in the line-up of each team. On the Vancouver side, Harris took the place of Thomas, who was unfortunate enough to be held up by a dilatory street car, and on the Stanford team Terrill went on in place of Rhyno, who is suffering from a bad cold. It was 2.30 when the teams filed as follows:

Vancouver	Fullback	Stanford
Spencer	Three-quarters	Brown
Brydon-Jack	Three-quarters	Holman
Marpole	Three-quarters	Vandervoort
Young	Three-quarters	Cook
Fyson	Five-eighths	Mitchell
Dick Bell-Irving	Five-eighths	Ganong
Churton	Halfback	Fenton
Scott	Forwards	Jimmy Pemberton
Harris	Forwards	Koerner
Smith	Forwards	Reynolds
Springer	Forwards	Miller
Lotus	Forwards	Minura
Shearer	Forwards	Thorpe
Gavin Davis	Forwards	Terrill
Referee—Jack Jenkinson, Vancouver.		
Touch judges—D. G. Hehly, Stanford; Billy Morrin, Vancouver.		

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# On the Waterfront

## TANGO MARU IN FROM ORIENT

Many Passengers Including Victoria Travellers Arrived by Japanese Liner

## HAD HEAVY SHIPMENTS

Over Six Hundred Tons Land- ed Here—Russians Not Permitted to Land

The steamer Tango Maru, Capt. T. E. Moses, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, reached port yesterday from the Orient after a good winter passage encountering a heavy shifting gale when nearing the entrance to the straits. The steamer brought 371 passengers, including 30 saloon travelers, among whom were S. Prins, of this city, returning from a trip around the world, who left here to go to Holland and after traveling in Europe returned by way of the Orient, accompanied by Miss E. P. Prins. Other arrivals were T. P. Taop, a British trader who is on his way to London from Urga in Mongolia at the edge of the wide Gobi desert; Mr. Sherwood, an American mining promoter; A. S. Mihara, manager of the N. Y. K. line at Hongkong for some years, who has been transferred to New York; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and family of nine, Mr. Lewis being in charge of Y. M. C. A. work in Japan; R. Newhouse, a merchant bound to Seattle; Yu Lin Chang, a Chinese merchant, and thirteen Japanese, mostly merchants and students. In the second class there were 19 Japanese, and in the steerage 263 Japanese, the number for Victoria being 96. There were also two Chinese and an East Indian for this port, and nine Russians, who were booked for Victoria but who were ordered to remain on board by the local immigration inspectors. For Seattle there were, with these Russians, 154 Japanese and 6 Chinese.

The Tango Maru landed 686 tons of general freight here, including 1,687 bags of sulphur, 8,440 bags of rice for eighteen different consignees, mostly Chinese, 102 rolls of matting, 465 bags of peanuts, 4,810 boxes of oranges, 10 cases of opium and 1,888 cases of general merchandise, a grand total of 17,402 packages.

The cargo for Seattle and points beyond which totalled 2,329 tons was made up of the following number of packages:

Matting, 11,526; oranges, 11,201; rice, 3,816; tea, 2,935; bamboo, 1,499; wool, 439; skins, 67; miso, 330; polishing sand, 50; silk goods, 553; apparel, 17; and general merchandise, 3,189; total, 35,613.

## TO PURCHASE VESSELS

Chinese Residents of Singapore Form Large Syndicate

Advices from Singapore state that a syndicate has been formed of prominent Chinese residents of the Straits and Malay states with a capital of \$1,800,000, under the name of the Eastern Steamship company, limited, to purchase the forty steamships which have been engaged for years past in trading between Southern China, Burma and the Straits settlements. Seventy-five per cent of the purchase money will be taken by five firms concerned in the form of fully paid-up shares in the new company, and the balance in cash.

## PACHENA STATION IS OUT OF COMMUNICATION

Mountains Interrupt Passage of Aired Telegrams Between Marine Department's Stations

The wireless telegraph station of the Dominion government established at Pachena point, has as yet, been unable to enter into communication with the station on Gonzales hill. It is thought that the mountains interrupt the progress of the Hertzian waves. The station at Pachena was established about ten days ago and since repeated efforts have been made to secure communication with Victoria, but without result.

It is more probable that an intermediary station, which has been built. Owing to a similar difficulty reported between Tatoosh and Bremerton, between which the Olympians are said to intercept messages, an intermediary station is to be established at Smith Island, not far from the entrance to Puget Sound and the Columbia river.

On Christmas day the difficulty was overcome through the kindness of the Massie operator on board the steamer Governor, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company. The Governor was off the Washington coast northbound when the first message came from Pachena point station. It was from Capt. Hackett and officers of the steamer Quadra which had failed to reach Victoria, as hoped, by Christmas Eve, and read:

"Messrs. Houghton and Hughes, Dominion government wireless station, Gonzales hill, Victoria. Messrs. Madam and Thompson, Pachena wireless station, wish you both a very merry Christmas and, failing something stronger, drink your health in rain-water."

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Tatoosh, Dec. 26, 6 p.m.—Weather cloudy, wind southwest, 18 miles an hour. In, bark Albert, 10 days from Hills for Puget Sound, towing, 11:40. Out, steamer Argyle, from Seattle for San Francisco.

Chikama Bay, 6 p.m.—Sailed, schooner Melrose, from Seattle for San Francisco. Anchored, schooners Camano, from Seattle for San Francisco; commerce, Eagle Harbor, from San Francisco; Fairbridge, from Blakeley for San Francisco. Ship Dumfriesshire from Tacoma for Queenstown.

## TO BRING JAPANESE

Steamer Reported Chartered to Carry Brown Men From Honolulu in January

The Hawaiian Gazette of recent date, published at Honolulu says: "Another effort is to be made to divert Japanese labor from here to Canada. A new scheme is being formulated to this end, and a steamer, it is stated on the best of authority, has been chartered to leave here in January.

"The same people are engineering this scheme who chartered the Kumeric after her arrival here with Spaniards, and took the several hundred Japanese to the coast, where they were published all over the world. The plans for this new exodus are being exploited more or less carefully and quietly among the Japanese.

"The name of one Horuchi appears at the head of the enterprise, although among the Japanese it is conjectured that Maruyama, Charles E. Chillingworth's Japanese factotum, is at the bottom of the management and arrangement for the scheme. The same hotels and hotelkeepers who were in the Kumeric scheme are in this. The names are as follows: Hisoya, Sakakaya, Shinshaya, Kinamamoto, Onoda, Chikushikan, Kyushuya, Onomichiya, Komatsuya, Asahikau, Fukukokaya.

## UMATILLA WILL RUN

To Replace the Steamer President for One Trip—Governor Had Few Passengers

News was brought by the steamer Governor, which reached port on Christmas day from San Francisco after a rough trip, that the steamer Umatilla would replace the President on the San Francisco route for two round trips, the President having been withdrawn on her arrival at San Francisco from Victoria to be overhauled.

The Governor brought the smallest complement of passengers, that has been known for a considerable time, the total complement in both classes being 57 passengers.

## SHEILA PASSES UP

One of British Steamer's Crew Was Victim of Accident When at Seattle

The British steamer Sheila, which arrived here yesterday and passed up to Comox to load bunker coal, reported having left one of her crew at a Seattle hospital, he having met with an accident on Tuesday night. Frank Riley, the unfortunate man, was painfully injured while going to his ship through the Moran company's yards. Riley fell through an opening near the conveyor in the sawmill, struck his head on a bolt and cut his scalp. The accident happened at about midnight as the man was groping his way to the steamship which is at the Moran yards repairing. Riley was taken to the Wayside Emergency hospital.

## NEW JAPANESE LINERS

Second of Toyo Line Steamers For Frisco, Is Launched at Nagasaki

News was brought by the steamer Tango Maru that the steamer Chiyu Maru, second of the Toyo Kaisen liners of 12,500 tons with turbine engines and oil-burning machinery was launched December 7, and the new steamer Kamo Maru of 3,000 tons for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha was to be launched December 27. The Chiyu Maru is a sister vessel of the Tenyo Maru, launched September 14, and is intended for the Hongkong-San Francisco service.

## BARK CASTOR IS TO BE SURVEYED HERE

Will Probably Be Repaired at This Port—Not Likely to Lose Her Charter

A survey of the bark Castor will be commenced at Esquimalt today, and if found necessary repairs will be effected here before the steamer proceeds on her voyage to Portland. The Castor was chartered with the time of delivery at Portland expiring next Tuesday and in order to arrive prior to that time it would be necessary to tow at once to the Columbia river. The bark's charterers, however, will hardly release the vessel which they have taken with the option of continuing the arrangement which was made at lower rates for carrying grain to Europe than those which now apply.

The trouble on board arising out of the refusal of the steward to cook for the crew has been settled, and those who remain on board, are pursuing their uneventful way.

## IYO MARU HAS A DISASTROUS TRIP

Seaman Drowned and Was Damaged by Elements on Way to Yokohama

News was brought by the steamer Tango Maru, which reached port yesterday morning from Yokohama, that the steamer Iyo Maru, which is reported, reached Yokohama three days behind her schedule, had a very rough voyage, being damaged by heavy seas and having lost one of her seamen, who was washed overboard and drowned. The Iyo Maru, which left here November 13, arrived at Yokohama December 2, having been scheduled to arrive at the Japanese port from here on November 29. The delay was due to heavy weather experienced during the voyage. On November 17 a seaman named Yoshida Massasuke was washed overboard and drowned. The railing on the port side of the saloon deck, the door of a compartment, steam pipe on the upper deck, and a rudder were destroyed. On November 25 a compass on the poop deck and the rail on the starboard side were destroyed and washed away. The cargo was also more or less damaged. The storm was so severe that the captain has not experienced like for many years on the Pacific.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ON LOCAL STEAMERS

Holiday Means Little as a Rule to Man Before the Mast on a Sailing Craft

The shipping in port was decorated for the Christmas holiday. The steamer Chippewa, which lifted in at head, after passing out of the shelter of the sound near Port Townsend, came in on Wednesday afternoon with Christmas trees fastened to her mastsheads, and the steamer Otter, which was lying at the C. P. R. wharf, having arrived from Page's lagoon and Lady Smith, had Christmas trees at her mastsheads, as had also several other vessels, tugs and larger craft.

On passenger steamers Christmas is a big day. Illuminated trees are provided, an extra menu is served for the passengers and in every way possible an effort is made to make a happy and agreeable time for the tourists although they may be far from home and friends.

On sailing craft, however, Christmas means little to the average seaman. On most ships at sea Christmas is the same as Sunday. No unnecessary work is done. The sailors are relieved from the daily routine and they sleep and rest in the fore'sle, wash and mend clothes or gossip. If the crew has been unwell it is probable that the men will lose the holiday and under the eagle eye of the unrelenting mate be compelled to labor strenuously as punishment.

As a general thing, however, there is nothing doing aboard. Of course, if the weather is stormy the crew will have to stand by in any event the usual watches at the wheel and on the lookout must be kept, and the sailor who has to perform these duties on a holiday considers himself unlucky.

On Christmas the steward usually opens the kazzette a little wider and extracts from the score of provisions a few delicacies. Probably he makes plum duff and some of this dessert may find its way to the fore'sle and half deck. In some ships the "old man" may open the buffet and pass around a little brandy or grog to the crew, but custom varies with the master, who is supreme commander on his vessel.

If a ship leaves port just a few days prior to Christmas a number of provisions are carried, and of course, a fat bird will be served in the cabin. Many vessels carry pigs aboard and if the average sailor gets a choice cut of pork for his Christmas dinner he may consider himself lucky. If plum duff isn't served for the last course, the steward may provide roly-poly, "Staggering Bolo" or other mysterious dishes peculiar to sailing ships.

A year ago today the British ship Blythwood, carrying wheat from the sound, was off the California coast, seventeen days out. Just as an illustration of what the average Christmas is at sea, the following extract from a private log kept on board may be used.

"Every Christmas dawned with a strong breeze from the south. It is clear and warm. Although far from home, this little community of twenty-three souls aboard, many miles out at sea, is much as it would be ashore. The usual greetings were exchanged on all sides. Of course, officers and sailors wish they were home, but a fellow who can make the best of it anywhere. A year ago today the Blythwood was at Portland, Ore., and most of the men and boys aboard recalled with pleasure the happy time they had then. Not the least pleasant recollection was the fact that the Blythwood's crew were the boatmen in the Willamette, beating several other fast crews. It was a holiday aboard, the rank and file having none but routine duties to perform. For dinner the time-honored plum duff was served."

In years gone by Christmas a more important event at sea than now. In those days the sailors made merry, singing festive songs and celebrating as well as possible under the circumstances. Today is as nothing but a mere day of rest, the same as Sunday. No presents are distributed, and whether any "cheer" comes from the cabin depends on the captain's state of mind.

When a master has his wife and family with him, Christmas is usually celebrated with some pomp. Toys and sometimes Christmas trees are smuggled aboard and the youngsters have as good a time aboard as they would ashore. Several sailing vessels which

left here within the past month carried a Santa Claus outfit and when the captain's children awake this morning they will be convinced that distance is no handicap to the good old Christmas saint.

## SUGAR FROM SOURABAYA

Norwegian Steamer Hendrik Isben on Way From Java With Full and Sweet Cargo

The Norwegian steamer Hendrik Isben is on her way from Sourabaya and other sugar-loading ports of Java—cargo is usually taken at four places—with a full cargo of raw sugar for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery. The Hendrik Isben is out nineteen days from Sourabaya for Victoria for orders. This is the first vessel for an unusually long time to bring Java sugar to the Vancouver refinery, which has been receiving large supplies of raw sugar from the Colonial company's plantations in the Fiji islands by the Australian liners while recently the Aparima, which took a cargo of wheat worth a quarter million dollars from Tacoma for Europe brought a cargo of 7,000 tons of Fiji sugar. The British Columbia Sugar refinery has also been receiving sugar from Queensland and sometime ago a cargo was brought from Mauritius. The Hendrik Isben which is coming via Mol, Java, where she will coal, is expected about a month hence.

## SHIPS TWO SEAMEN

Dunerik Left Yesterday for Far East After Loading Coal at Comox

The steamer Dunerik, which loaded bunker coal at Comox, arrived in Royal Roads yesterday morning, and after two seamen were placed on board from Esquimalt, proceeded to sea on her way to Japan, from where she goes to Calcutta to enter service in a line to be maintained together with the British steamer Tindhov between Calcutta and Durban.

## ENDS LONG VOYAGE

American Ship Atlas Occupied 275 Days on Way From Baltimore to Golden Gate

After a passage extending over 275 days the big American ship Atlas, 3,000 tons, Capt. Dart, arrived at San Francisco on Tuesday night. She is out from Baltimore with coal for the United States government.

Unusual hard luck followed the vessel. Sailing from Baltimore March 25, she was reported on April 4 in latitude 36 north, longitude 44 west. On July 4 she put into Rio Janiero having been damaged in a collision. Until August 26 she lay at the Brazilian port making repairs and then resumed her voyage to San Francisco.

Coming around Cape Horn the Atlas had a tedious time, and for several weeks she has been posted as overdue. She was 116 days from Rio Janiero. The French ship La Perouse has also arrived at San Francisco from Hamburg after a voyage of 165 days. The La Perouse called in at Hobart. She had a rough passage most of the way from Tasmania Island. Her cargo consists of iron, cement, liquors and fertilizer.

## BRITISH STEAMERS CARRY MUCH WHEAT

Shipments of Month From Tacoma Loaded Mostly on Steamers Flying Union Jack

The steamers Franklin and Minerva, the latter Spanish vessel, passed out yesterday for Tacoma, for Europe carrying 456,484 bushels of wheat. Including the cargoes of the Franklin and Minerva, Tacoma has already dispatched this month 1,658,005 bushels of wheat valued at \$1,516,348, in addition to 10,000 sacks of barley worth \$15,000.

The record cargo of the present season was carried by the British steamer Aparima, dispatched as was the Franklin by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. The Aparima cleared from Tacoma December 9 with 273,634 bushels of wheat worth \$254,500. The cargo of the Franklin is only 5,710 bushels less.

The British steamer Algon still holds the record for Pacific coast grain shipments, having carried from Tacoma some years ago 12,000 short tons, while under charter to Balfour, Guthrie & Co. The second largest cargo was that of the British steamer Glenlogan, which in 1901, under charter to the same firm, took 257,432 bushels, valued at \$164,435. Another large shipment in 1901 was that on the British steamer Yangtze, now of the Blue Funnel line. The Yangtze had 253,578 bushels, worth \$142,000. However the cargoes of the Aparima and the Franklin exceeded that of the Yangtze.

It is interesting to note that of the 21 steamers which carried this large amount of wheat from Tacoma, exactly two-thirds, or in numbers 14, were British. There were also two United States vessels, an Orient liner and Honolulu liner which loaded part cargoes, two Norwegian, one German, one Spanish and one Japanese vessel.

## ERSKINE M. PHELPS IS IN LEAKING CONDITION

Bound From Seattle to Honolulu Big Vessel Puts Into San Francisco Damaged

A special despatch to the Colonist says the United States ship Erskine W. Phelps put into San Francisco yesterday morning damaged by the gales encountered off the coast during the past few days. The Erskine W. Phelps, which brought a cargo of coal from Philadelphia to Bremerton, left Seattle twelve days ago with general cargo for Honolulu. The vessel is reported from San Francisco to be leaking at the rate of eighteen inches a day. The Phelps had considerable trouble at Seattle in getting a crew. Capt. Graham having decided to ship his complement without recourse, as usual, to the sailor's boarding house men, and Portland detectives were used to keep the crew on board. With these precautions the cook was taken out of the vessel just before she sailed and the captain continued to sea.

## NAVY FOR CHINA.

Reorganization of the Fighting Forces Which China Has Now at Sea.

Advices were received by the steamer Tango Maru yesterday from Shanghai that according to the North

China Daily News at a recent conference in the Peking Ministry of War it was proposed to purchase a number of cruisers and torpedo boats from foreign countries and to establish naval schools in various provinces of the empire. It is stated that Their Majesties will subscribe 5,000,000 taels out of the privy purse, to start things, and that an Imperial decree will be issued ordering the viceroys and governors of provinces to exert their utmost to obtain funds for the purpose. It was also proposed to establish a naval department, independent of the ministry of war, within a year and to appoint Admiral Sah as director of the same.

The steamer City of Puebla sailed last night for San Francisco from the outer wharf.

## A Clean Record

"There is a friend of mine," says Professor Lorimer, Toledo's veteran educator, who believes in corporal punishment, "who is raising a family of six boys with the help of moral suasion. The mild little chap argued about the matter the other night at the club. 'And do you believe,' said I, 'that moral suasion is better than corporal punishment for big, husky chaps like yours?' 'Yes,' said my friend. 'And do you mean to say that you never whipped your boys?' As time as I sit here," my friend declared earnestly, "I have never struck one of my children except in self-defence."

## Inducement Pressed Home

A tattered, forlorn miss of fifteen summers entered the office of a young real estate man the other day. Ordinarily he is the politest of individuals, but this day he was so busy that he didn't know "where he was at."

"Well, what do you want?" "P-p-p-lease, mister, won't you buy a ticket on our cuckoo clock?" replied the girl hesitatingly. "Buy a ticket on your cuckoo clock?" "What the dickens would I do with a cuckoo clock if I should get it?" "Oh, yes, I don't get it, mister. Please buy a ticket."

He bought.—New York Times.

## MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive.		
Vessel	From	Date
Cyclops	From the Orient	Dec. 28
Empress of China	From the Orient	Jan. 5
Tremont	From Liverpool	Jan. 6
Bellerophon	From Australia	Jan. 9
Miwera	From Australia	Jan. 15
Oriana	From Australia	Jan. 20
Lonsdale	From Mexico	Jan. 15
Germanicus	From Mexico	Jan. 20
Princess Ena	Sailed	Oct. 31
(Arrived Montevideo Dec. 3.)		
Cyclops	Sailed	Oct. 12
Bellerophon	Sailed	Nov. 9
Ning Chow	Sailed	Dec. 5
Princess May	From Skagway	Jan. 4
Northern British Columbia ports		
Queen City	From Skagway	Dec. 30
Camouss (Saunders)	From Skagway	Dec. 30
Princess Beatrice	From Skagway	Dec. 26
Amur	From West Coast	Dec. 28
From San Francisco		
President	From San Francisco	Dec. 30
City of Puebla	From San Francisco	Jan. 5
Governor	From San Francisco	Jan. 5
Umatilla	From San Francisco	Jan. 14
From Sourabaya		
Hendrik Isben	Sailed	Dec. 8
Sailing Vessels		
Left	Date	
Louisa Hill, Liverpool	May 24	
(put into Capetown leaking, Aug. 17)		
W. F. Babcock, Newcastle	Oct. 15	
Jas. Neswith, Newcastle		
Alta	Newcastle	
Seastern, Callao		
Hillston, Cardiff	Sept. 7	
Levenhill, Liverpool		
Strathgry, Callao		
Schwarzenbek, Callao	Nov. 16	
Clan Galbraith, Santa Rosalia		
Steamers to Sail		
For the Orient	Date	
Tango Maru	Jan. 7	
Moana	Jan. 3	
Georgia	Dec. 31	
Princess May	Jan. 8	
For Northern British Columbia ports		
Princess Beatrice	Jan. 1	
Vasco	Dec. 30	
Camouss	Dec. 30	
Queen City	Jan. 1	
For West Coast		
Tees	Jan. 1	
Governor	Dec. 31	
Umatilla	Jan. 5	
City of Puebla	Jan. 10	
Local Steamers		
Vancouver-Victoria		
Princess Victoria		
Leaves Vancouver 1:30 p. m. daily		
Leaves Victoria 1 a. m. daily		
Arrives Victoria 6:30 p. m. daily		
Arrives Vancouver 8 a. m. daily		
Victoria-Seattle		
Princess Royal		
Leaves Victoria 8:30 a. m. daily, except Monday		
Leaves Seattle 11:30 p. m. daily, except Monday		
Arrives Seattle 2:30 p. m. daily, except Monday		
Arrives Victoria 7 a. m. daily, except Tuesday		
Chippewa		
Leaves Victoria daily except Thursdays, 4:30 p. m.		
Arrives daily except Thursdays 1:30 p. m.		
Victoria-New Westminster		
R. P. Rithet		
Leaves Victoria Tuesday and Friday		
Leaves New Westminster Wednesday and Saturday		
Upper Fraser River		
Beaver		
Leaves New Westminster 8 a. m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday		
Leaves Chilliwack 7 a. m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Calling at landings between New Westminster and Chilliwack		
Lower Fraser River		
Transfer		
Leaves New Westminster Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Saturday 2 p. m.; Additional trip Monday 5 a. m.		
Leaves Steveston, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 7 a. m.; Friday 6 a. m. Additional trip Saturday 5 p. m.		
Vancouver-Nanaimo (Z. & N. Ry.)		
Joan		
Leaves Nanaimo 7 a. m.		
Leaves Vancouver 1:30 p. m. daily except Sunday		
Victoria-Nanaimo		
Nanaimo-Comox-Union—(E. & N. Ry.)		
City of Nanaimo		
Leaves Victoria Tuesday 7 a. m. Arrives Nanaimo Tuesday 4 p. m.		
Leaves Nanaimo Saturday 2 a. m. Arrives Victoria Saturday, 9 p. m.		

# Esquimalt & Nanaimo Ry.

## Christmas and New's Year Excursion

Excursion rates will be in effect between all stations, December 24, 1907, to Jan. 1, 1908 inclusive. Good returning until Jan. 2, 1908. Double train service on December 24. Trains leave Victoria 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. All trains are cancelled on Dec. 25, 1907.

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FROM ST. JOHN, N. B.

Empress of Ireland	Dec. 27
Lake Champlain	Jan. 4
Empress of Britain	Jan. 10
Corsican	Jan. 24
Lake Erie	Feb. 1
Empress of Australia	Feb. 7
Empress of Britain	Feb. 21
Lake Manitoba	Feb. 29

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Leaves Nanaimo Wednesday, 7 a. m. Arrives Union Bay and Comox Wednesday 2 p. m. Leaves Union Bay and Comox Thursday, 7 a. m. Arrives Nanaimo Thursday, 2 p. m. Leaves Nanaimo Friday, 7 a. m. Arrives Union Bay and Comox Friday, 2 p. m. Leaves Union Bay and Comox Saturday, 7 a. m. Arrives Nanaimo Saturday, 1:30 p. m. Sidney to Gulf Islands, Iroquois, leaving Sidney daily.

## Freight Rates

Destination	Puget Sound or B. C.
Sydney	30s
Melbourne or Adelaide	35s to 36s 3d
Port Pirie	35s to 36 3d
Fremantle	42s 6d
River Plate Ports	47s 6d
London	35s
Shanghai	35s to 36s 3d
Taku	35s to 36s 3d
Callao	47s 6d
Discharge Nitrate port	47s 6d
Valparaiso for orders to discharge there and, or at one other port north of Pisagua	50s
25s 6d direct coast	
South Africa Ports, Cape Town	35s
Delagoa Bay Range	57s 6d
Direct port United Kingdom	60s
Cork for orders to discharge at a safe port, United Kingdom or continent, between London & Har.	62s

# The Merchants Bank of Canada

Report Presented at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Shareholders, Held on Wednesday 18th December, 1907

The Annual Meeting of the Directors and Shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada was held at noon yesterday at the Head Office, 205 St. James Street. Amongst the shareholders present at the meeting were: Messrs. Jonathan Hodgson, Thomas A. Long, C. R. Hosmer, C. F. Smith, Hugh A. Allan, Alex. Barnett, George Hague, T. E. Merrett, D. C. Macarow, F. S. Lyman, A. D. Fraser, C. R. Black, A. Piddington, M. S. Foley, R. Campbell Nelles, John Patterson, E. Fiske (Contee), and others. In the absence of the President, Sir Hugh Montagu Allan the Vice-President, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson, took the chair. Mr. Kilbourn was appointed secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were taken as read. The chairman then submitted the following report of the directors:

## THE REPORT.

The Directors beg to present the Statement of Affairs of the Bank as at close of the half year's business on 30th November last.

In accordance with permission granted by the Shareholders at the last annual meeting, the books are closed upon the 30th of November, instead of on the 31st of May, as heretofore.

The net profits for the half year amounted to \$473,144.50. Out of this two quarterly dividends, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum—amounting to \$240,000—have been paid, the balance being carried forward to next year.

The full proportion of inspection work has been done during the past six months.

All of which is respectfully submitted, JONATHAN HODGSON, Vice-President.

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the half year ending 30th November, 1907:

The Net Profits of the half-year, after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to..... \$473,144 50  
Balance brought forward last year, ending 31st May, 1907..... 34,256 25

Making a total of ..... \$507,400 75

This has been disposed of as follows:  
Quarterly Dividend No. 80, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum ..... \$120,000 00  
Quarterly Dividend No. 81, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum ..... 120,000 00  
Leaving a balance to be carried forward to next year of ..... 267,400 75  
\$507,400 75

Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 30th November, 1907:

Liabilities.	
1.—To the Public.	
Notes in Circulation .....	\$5,490,940 00
Deposits at call .....	\$10,431,031 81
Deposits subject to notice (accrued interest to date included) .....	24,440,836 11
Deposits due to other Banks in Canada .....	1,382,476 05
Dividend No. 81 .....	120,000 00
Dividends unclaimed .....	2,913 50
	\$41,868,197 47
2.—To the Stockholders.	
Capital paid up .....	\$6,000,000 00
Reserve Fund .....	4,000,000 00
Surplus Profits .....	267,400 75
	10,267,400 75
	\$52,135,598 22

Assets.	
Gold and Silver Coin on hand .....	\$1,533,736 44
Dominion Notes on hand .....	2,384,321 50
Notes and Cheques of other Banks .....	2,223,029 18
Balances due by other Banks in Canada .....	6,769 41
Balances due by Banks and Agents in Great Britain .....	\$63,214 53
Balances due by Banks and Agents in the United States .....	79,451 00
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks in Canada .....	\$2,496,994 71
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks elsewhere than in Canada .....	2,988,258 84
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities .....	6,065,427 97
Railway, Municipal and other Debentures .....	6,146,957 21
	\$19,267,160 82
Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less Rebate of Interest Reserved) .....	31,246,107 26
Loans and Discounts overdue (less fully provided for) .....	95,732 55
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation .....	240,000 00
Mortgages and other Securities, the property of the Bank .....	83,397 48
Real Estate .....	25,476 15
Bank Premises and Furniture .....	1,155,887 30
Other Assets .....	21,836 66
	\$52,135,598 22

E. F. HEBDEN, General Manager.

## The Discussion.

The Chairman—"I have much pleasure in moving the adoption of this report."

Mr. Thomas Long—"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, the reports that have been placed before you are, I consider, of an excellent nature, and I have much pleasure in seconding the motion. I am sure that we are all pleased and satisfied at the report before us. Considering the condition of trade all over Canada, I think that this report is one with which all the shareholders should be satisfied. (Hear, hear.)"

"I may say that I am very pleased, and I am sure we all are, to see our ex-general manager, Mr. Hague present with us today. (Applause.) We hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing him at many such meetings as this in the years to come. I have great pleasure in seconding the adoption of this report."

The Chairman—"Are there any questions to be asked by the Shareholders? If not, I will ask your approval of the report."

There being no questions, the report was then put to the vote, and unanimously adopted.

The General Manager (Mr. E. F. Hebden)—"The statement before you gives the result of our best efforts in the management of your property for the past six months. The figures may, perhaps, speak for themselves. I hope you will think the statement a not unfavorable one. In this connection I should like to bear testimony to the loyalty and excellent work and spirit of the staff at large, all the members of which are actuated by an ardent desire to promote the Bank's best interests."

"The general banking and commercial situation has been recently epitomized by the chief officer of our Bank of Canada, supplemented by the weighty deliverance of its president; and between these two authorities all of present practical interest has been said. If it were for me to make any remarks to you on the present occasion, I should like to say that there has, perhaps, never been in recent years in Canada a time when a policy of moderation in public and private affairs was so plainly called for as the present, and in saying this I believe I am only expressing a thought uppermost in the minds of most thinking responsible men in Canada. The change in the commercial and economic situation in the neighboring republic for the worse, within the past few months, has been kaleidoscopic. It is now happily showing signs of improvement. In Canada we are altogether better situated, and it is our good fortune to be working under a better banking and currency system. But this is a slowing down time with us, a time to take stock of our positions, and to retrench and be mutually helpful withal, by being moderate in our commitments and undertakings, and thereby introducing a factor into affairs making for the retarding of all our advantage, which can only be interfered with by untimely optimism."

The Chairman—"The next order of business is the election of Directors, and I would suggest that Messrs. Black and Patterson act as scrutineers."

Moved by Mr. M. S. Foley, seconded by Mr. A. Piddington, that Messrs. John Patterson and C. R. Black be requested to act as Scrutineers, and that only one ballot be taken for the election of the Directors.

Mr. George Hague—"I am inclined to think that this course is hardly formal enough for such an election of directors. I think the motion should be read: 'That the scrutineers cast one ballot for the following persons as Directors; and unless this course is followed someone may call this election in question. We are all agreed upon the names, and I suggest that this course be followed.'"

Moved by Mr. J. Patterson, seconded by Mr. George Hague, that the Scrutineers cast one ballot for the following persons as Directors of the Merchants' Bank of Canada for the ensuing year:

SIR H. MONTAGU ALLAN,  
MR. JONATHAN HODGSON,  
MR. THOMAS LONG,  
MR. C. R. HOSMER,  
MR. C. F. SMITH,  
MR. HUGH A. ALLAN,  
MR. C. M. HAYS,  
MR. ALEX. BARNETT,  
MR. F. ORR LEWIS.

The Scrutineers cast one ballot in accordance with this motion, and the Chairman declared the gentlemen mentioned therein elected as Directors of the Bank.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors the following officers were re-elected:—President, Sir Hugh Montagu Allan; Vice-President, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson.

## CHINESE NEWSPAPER'S WARNING TO JAPAN

Incroachment Will Lead to a Struggle in Which Latter Will Suffer

The steamer Tango Maru brings news that incidental to the arrival in Japan of Prince Pu Lun of the Chinese court to return the visit paid to Peking by Prince Fushimi. The Shanghai Jihpao, a Chinese daily of some note, in a recent editorial, called "A friendly warning to Japan," discusses the Kanto question substantially as follows: "When America issued an order expelling Japanese school children, Japan loudly called for a war with America and in the face of united opposition America had to withdraw the order. For the present China is not Japan's foe in the strength of arms; but after the ravages of war and famine Japan should not lightly enter into hostilities with China and break the peace of the two countries. In the Kanto question the Chinese nation does not find merely a subject for ordinary negotiations but regards it as involving a principle vital to her national existence. Should Japan insist on tearing the territory from China, let her at once occupy Kanto by force of arms. Or if she considers it worthwhile to give herself the color of loyalty to her pledge for the preservation of the peace of the Far East, then she should continue to carry on negotiations with China for the settlement of the Kanto affair. One Kanto will not be much of a gain to Japan; but the loss of one Kanto means to China a great disaster in the form of territorial partition. Once Japan puts her finger in the pie the other powers will all rise to have a share. When it becomes known to the Chinese people at large that Japan's designs are inimical to China's safety, it will be when Japan finds the dominating position she has secured in China, on the point of being swept away. Should ill feeling arise between China and Japan in consequence, how great will be the disadvantages to follow for the latter. That is why the Jihpao offers the warning to Japan."

## MUSIC AND DRAMA

### "The Lion and the Mouse"

Dorothy Donnelly, the brilliant leading woman of "The Lion and the Mouse" company now appearing on the coast, has been offered and declined a tour next fall as a concert pianist. It is not generally known that the young woman for years studied with William Mason, of New York and then went abroad to complete her musical education with the intention of appearing in concert work. But fate decreed that Miss Donnelly should become an actress, and she is under contract to Henry B. Harris for a term of years, that manager intends to star her in the spring in a new comedy.

Local playgoers will have an opportunity of seeing Miss Donnelly as Shirley Rossmore in "The Lion and the Mouse" which comes to the Victoria theatre Monday evening next. \*\*\*

### Victoria Musical Society Concert

Those who have subscribed for the Kubelik-Paderewski-Witherspoon-Homer series of concerts can obtain their season tickets by applying to the honorary secretary of the Victoria Musical Society, Mr. Stewart Williams, either by letter or personally at his office on Fort street. The box office for Kubelik will be opened at 10 a.m. on January 4, at the Victoria theatre. No season tickets will be issued after the box office is opened. \*\*\*

## GOSSIP OF THE HOTELS

Among the arrivals at the Driad yesterday was H. Thorp a British trader who arrived from Urga, a prominent walled city of Mongolia at the edge of the Gobi desert in Central Asia. Mr. Thorp who has been living in Urga for some years came by chair to the edge of civilization and thence by train from Peking. The journey across the desert from Mongolia "by chair" the visitor said was an easy one, but tedious. By chair means to crutch in a small sedan carried by two stalwart coolies while the escort provided to travellers by the prefectural officials journey with their ever-ready carbines athwart their saddle in the fore and rear of the traveler's conveyance.

"News from Mongolia" Mr. Thorp repeated. "What news is there of Mongolia, a few skins more coming in, a few skins less that's all that breaks the day's life of the exile in Urga. One thing the members of the Russian colony, quite extensive, Mr. Thorp is the only other foreigner in the big walled city where so many Mongols, Burials and the nomadic tribes from the desert come to trade, bring goat skins and other similar hides and take away provisions. The majority of the Russians, too, are Siberians, even the governor being a Burial."

Life in Urga is much like that in any other crowded walled city of Mongolia, where, in some places cities with walls that are centuries old are close together, but elsewhere population so sparse that for days there is no habitation to be seen other than the rude shacks of nomadic hunters.

"The event of the year at Urga, of course," said the traveler, "was the coming of the racing automobiles on their way from Peking to Paris, by way of Urga. The natives, simple minded, took great interest in the cars, but by no means regarded them as demonaical affairs. They looked only with mute misunderstanding upon these quaint things, the quaint foreign devils had brought across the Gobi desert."

Mogolia is rich, and there is room for immense development there in the opinion of Mr. Thorp. The Russians have planned a railway across the province to connect Urga and Kalgan with Peking, the route used by the camel caravans which carry brick-tea to Kiektia for transmission to Russia.

There's no economy in buying "cheap" salt. At present prices WINDSOR SALT costs no more than imported salt. It is pure and never cakes.

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## REGIMENTAL ORDERS

Commanding Officer Wishes Members of Corps the Compliments of the Season

The following regimental orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. J. A. Hall, commanding the Fifth regiment:  
1. District order, Lights out—In accordance with District Order No. 59, 1907, all lights in the drill hall will in future be turned out at 11 p. m. sharp.

2. Enlistments—The following men having been duly attested are taken on the strength of the regiment, and will be posted to companies as follows: To No. 1 company: No. 309, Gunr. Jos. Willmore (sen.). To No. 2 company: No. 329, Gunr. Walter Truman.

3. Holidays. Drill hall closed—In accordance with the usual custom the drill hall will be closed from December 25, 1907, to January 1, 1908, both inclusive.

4. Greeting—The commanding officer takes this opportunity of wishing the members of the regiment the compliments of the season.

By order of Major W. Ridgway-Wilson, acting-adjutant, Fifth regiment, C. G. A.

## LIVE STOCK MEN WILL MEET IN CONVENTION

Annual Gathering Will Take Place in Ottawa in Early Part of February

The convention of the National Live Stock association to be held in Ottawa February 5, 6 and 7, 1908, promises to be a most important meeting. The programme of the convention provides for the consideration of such national topics as the export, import and interprovincial trade in breeding and commercial live stock. The relationship of transportation companies to the live stock industry will be dealt with by foremost authorities. The health of Canadian live stock, proposed amendments of customs regulations and the Scottish premium system of hiring stallions will all be considered with a view to improving present conditions in Canada in regard to these matters.

Already an attendance of representative stockmen from each of the several provinces is assured. Most of the residential and provincial live stock associations have fulfilled the requirements of affiliation. It is the privilege also of agriculture societies and exhibition associations which paid in cash prizes for live stock in 1907 a sum of \$500 or upwards to affiliate with the National association by sending to the live stock commissioner, Ottawa, a list of its members. Societies affiliated in this way are entitled to representation at the convention by its president or secretary.

## CONDITIONS ARE GOOD DESPITE ALARMISTS

Assistant General Passenger Agent of the C. P. R. Says There is Lots of Money on Prairies

C.E.E. Ussher, assistant general passenger agent of the C. P. R. is spending the holidays in this city. Mr. Ussher makes his headquarters at Winnipeg and he states that conditions generally throughout the west are much better than one is led to believe by the alarmist reports, which have been circulated.

While the wheat crop was not as large this year as last, still this was more than compensated for by the increase in prices. It has been estimated that \$200,000,000 in excess of last year's returns will be brought into the country by this year's crop.

Mr. Ussher expects to see a very heavy tourist traffic to Victoria and the coast. The Seattle exposition will attract many and the Empress hotel will do all in its power to direct traffic to Victoria. With the opening of the Empress hotel, Victoria will be splendidly equipped to handle this business.

## OBITUARY NOTICES

The remains of Mr. W. J. Nelson, late city solicitor and police magistrate of Rossland, will arrive in the city tonight by the steamer Princess Victoria for interment in Ross Bay cemetery. Being a past master of Loyal Orange Lodge 1708, Rossland, he will be buried under the auspices of the local Orange lodges. D. C. McLaren, of Vancouver, grand master of British Columbia, came over on the Princess last evening to participate.

The funeral of the late Ernest Jensen, infant son of Mr. Jensen, 221 Quebec street, took place on Christmas afternoon. Rev. T. W. Gladstone officiated.

On Christmas Day Alfred Wellington Smith of Lillooet for years a well known figure in provincial politics, died at the Royal Jubilee hospital after a short illness. Deceased several years ago represented the constituency of West Lillooet and was a member for several terms. of late he had been his yearly custom to spend the greater part of each winter in Victoria and he was well known to many residents of this city who will learn of his death with great regret. Mrs. Smith was with her husband at the time of his death.

The late Mr. Smith was born at Kempstone, Bedfordshire, England, on March 14, 1840. He was educated at Bedford school and Epworth college. He was for several years engaged in business as a merchant but retired in 1886. From 1873 to 1877 he acted as government agent for Lillooet. In 1889 he was elected as member for West Lillooet to the provincial legislature and was re-elected at the four succeeding elections.

He will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnish company. Rev. T. W. Gladstone will conduct the services.

The death occurred on Christmas Day of Minnie Mellor Garnham, aged 15 years, daughter of Frederick Garnham, at the family home, corner of Toronto and Government street. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the above address to St. Barnabas' church where services will be conducted at 2 o'clock by Rev. E. G. Miller.

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## MASKED MAN ATTEMPTS HOLD-UP ON FORT ST.

Fires Shot at: Employee of B. C. Electric Company Late Last Night

Fast sprinting on the part of John Meldram, 2313 Douglas street, an employee of the B. C. Electric company, when assailed by a masked footpad with a revolver in working order last evening at the corner of Langley and Fort streets, averted an attempted holdup and saved for the company a sum of about \$150. The man with the gun fired a shot at the fleeing Meldram, but missed him in the darkness, and Meldram dodged into the office doorway with the money safely in his possession. When the police took the trail of the knight of the road a few minutes later all trace of him had disappeared.

The incident happened about 10:30 o'clock last evening. Meldram is employed as "trouble-man" by the company, and last night undertook to bring to the office about \$150 in cash, the proceeds of the sale of tickets to conductors at Frank LeRoy's cigar store on Government street near Yates. He carried the money in a satchel and was proceeding leisurely along Langley street, whistling merrily, when he noticed a man loitering in the doorway of a liquor store at the corner of Fort and Langley. Not liking the looks of the man, Meldram moved out to the edge of the sidewalk, and kept his eye on the man as he passed the doorway.

Then he noticed that the man wore a mask and had something shining in his hand. It occurred to Meldram just then that it was time for a quick move, particularly as the man stepped out on the sidewalk behind him. The B. C. Electric company's door was only about forty feet distant from the spot and Meldram broke into a run. He had only reached the middle of Fort street when he heard a shot behind him, and a bullet hit the road near him.

Then it was that Meldram showed his sprinting ability. He beat all records for the intervening distance to the door of the office, and scrambling inside, called out to M. L. Harby, the night clerk, that he was shot. Harby vaulted the counter and rushed into the street, but failing to see anybody, returned to the office and telephoned to police headquarters. The patrol wagon came down at once with a squad of police, but the officers were too late to discover any trace of the person who fired the revolver.

Mr. Harby is inclined to the belief that he was to have been the victim of the holdup. It is customary for him to go to LeRoy's nightly to make the collections, but press of business last evening prevented him and he sent Meldram instead. The holdup artist was evidently looking for Mr. Harby and did not discover till Meldram had passed him with the valise containing the money that Meldram was the man he wanted.

Beyond noting that his assailant was short, Meldram could give no description of the man. It was very dark at the corner, the big electric sign of the company being out at the time, and the place was an ideal one for a robbery.

Within half a block from the spot where the attempted holdup occurred one of the city policemen, Constable Webb, was standing. He heard the report, but it sounded as if it came from the direction of the harbor. He turned in that direction, and while his back was turned the would-be holdup man fled in the other direction.

"Have you ever taken any interest in the pre-Raphaelites?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle, "Well, no," replied her hostess. "I can't say that I ever have. Josiah was reading in the paper the other day that one fell in Texas not long ago that weighed over a ton."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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# Mainland News

## FIXING WAGE SCALE AT ST. EUGENE MINE

Board of Investigation Bases  
Its Award on Sliding  
Scale

Nelson, Dec. 26.—The board of conciliation and investigation, acting under the Industrial Disputes act of 1907, closed its session and took the unusual step of making its decision known in the dispute between the Consolidated company and employees at Moyie, B. C.

The award has been based upon a sliding scale, varying with the price of metals. Three conditions have been postulated: The normal, the unfavorably favorable and the abnormally unfavorable. The present condition is the abnormally unfavorable.

They recommend that when metals rise and are so quoted for 30 days the scales come into operation; when lead is quoted at 19 pounds the long ton and silver at 62 cents an ounce, or copper at 18 cents a pound, the abnormally favorable scale is adopted. The present price of lead is 13 pounds 17s 6d, silver 52 cents and copper 13 cents. These prices, taking also into consideration other conditions of marketing, are taken as abnormally unfavorable.

The weak point of the decision, it is contended, is that the normal scale can only be arrived at by a process of elimination. There are no set figures of metals for this normal condition. This will mean, possibly, another arbitration at some future date to settle this point, which was reluctantly found difficult of adjustment just now. The abnormally unfavorable scale closely approximates that paid in Butte, Coeur d'Alene and Roseland and is offered in the Boundary with some slight rise for common labor and for hand miners and hammermen. A rise of 25 cents generally distinguishes it from the normal scale and another 25 cents brings it up to the abnormally favorable.

The present scale is \$3.50 for machine miners, timbermen, rough carpenters and millmen; \$4 is paid to shaftmen, powdermen, licensed engineers, electricians in charge, machinists, blacksmiths and bench carpenters. Muckers and cartmen receive \$3 and common laborers \$2.75.

It seems altogether probable that this scale will be adopted by both sides and that some machinery will be evolved so that fluctuations in wages will be governed without recourse to strikes, lockouts or even arbitration proceedings. A committee, on which are represented employers and employees, will probably be formed.

## PEPPER IN HIS EYES

Japanese in Vancouver Becomes Victim of Thugs—No Trace of Assaultants

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—A Japanese who gave his name as Yatsuma ran into the police station last night shortly after 10 o'clock and reported that he had been beaten up and robbed of \$12 in Columbia avenue.

The story he told the police was that his assailants had used pepper, throwing it into his eyes and blinding him. They came behind him when he was on his way home, and in the scuffle that followed, the money, he says, was taken from his pocket.

When he reached the police station Yatsuma's eyes were still affected by the pepper, and it was with difficulty that he was able to see at all. Officers went over the ground, but it was impossible to locate the thugs. The fact that he was temporarily blinded made it impossible for Yatsuma to see his assailants, and consequently he did not get a description of the men, of whom he says there were two.

## FOR BURNS' BIRTHDAY

Vancouver Pipers' Band to Help Seattle Scots in Celebrating the Anniversary

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—The Vancouver Pipers' Band is to aid the Scotsmen of Seattle and vicinity to celebrate the birthday of the Scottish poet Robert Burns, and the entire list of musicians, fourteen in number, will journey to Seattle for that purpose on a date late in January.

The Caledonian society and Clan McKenzie, of Seattle, combining their efforts to commemorate the birthday of the poet, are arranging a programme to be given in the new Moore theatre there, which is declared, the most elaborate yet attempted by the Scotch of that city.

The Moore theatre was engaged for January 23, the date of the Scotch poet's birthday which could be secured, and on that day will be observed the entire programme of celebration instead of January 25. The Vancouver bagpipers include two men and two girls who are Highland dancers.

## Christmas Wedding

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—An unusually interesting and pretty Christmas wedding was that which occurred last evening at 7.30 o'clock at 21 Thirteenth avenue, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Counter, when their two daughters, Miss Norma A. and Miss Nora M. were married, the former to Harry L. Neely and the latter to Wilbur A. Paul, both of Saskatchewan. The drawing rooms were gaily decorated in the Christmas colors. At the head of the room was an arch of ferns and holly, from which hung a white wedding bell, under which, as the wedding march was played by Miss Eura Leeson, the double party formed the two pretty brides, each in turn acting as bridesmaid to the other. Rev. J. P. Westman was the officiating clergyman.

## Basketball at Drill Hall.

The weekly basketball programme at the drill hall tomorrow night will provide an intermediate game between the Fifth Regiment and Y.M.C.A. and a senior game between the Firemen and the Victoria West team. A band concert by the Fifth Regiment band and a dance afterwards are also on the card and a big crowd will likely be on hand to take in the fun.

## Hydraulic Mine Sold

Crabbrook, Dec. 26.—Word was received here that the Perry Creek Hydraulic mines have been sold to the Illinois Steel company for the sum of \$900,000. It has been known that a deal was pending which would be closed in the near future. The company was incorporated for \$1,000,000 and the Illinois Steel company have purchased \$900,000 in stock, the former amount of \$100,000. It is said that the new company will commence operations early in the spring with a large force, also a certain amount of new and improved placer mining machinery.

## Died on the Trail

Greenwood, Dec. 26.—A peculiarly sad fatality occurred on the trail leading up from the Phoenix road to the Crescent mine. John F. Rennison, a miner at the mine, while returning from Greenwood, had laid down in the snow and died. Dr. Spangle, who examined the body of the unfortunate man after it had been brought to Greenwood, stated that death was the result of natural causes, heart failure, following severe attack of cold. The position of the body and internal evidence supported the supposition that the deceased had been suffering great pain.

## GOOD PROSPECTS ON PORTLAND CANAL

Mining Engineer Reports Favorably on Several of the Properties

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—A report that will prove of interest to many Victorians who hold stock in the properties of the Portland Canal Mining & Development company has been rendered by William J. Elmendorf, a Spokane mining engineer, who declares that the mine shows encouraging prospects and that he believes the ore can be marketed at a profit.

The company owns eight mining claims, the Gipsy, Mosquito, Barney, Richard II., Herbert Extension, Mayflower, Sadie, and has also bonded the Lucky Seven and Little Joe claims. The properties are about five miles northeast of Stewart, B. C., in the Bear river mining district.

Mr. Elmendorf's examination was confined to the Little Joe vein, which runs through Lucky Seven, Little Joe, Gipsy, Mayflower, Mosquito and Richard II. claims. In this vein he says there exist numerous ores carrying gold and silver values, and that he believes there are indications of adjacent bodies of high-grade silver ores. Tests of the ores show that in two out of three tunnels the ore can be sorted to \$50 per ton, while in the third tunnel the vein has not been followed properly for more than a slight distance, the samples from the inner end of the tunnel showing practically no value. The proper point to follow the vein is pointed out and a recommendation made that a new opening be made there.

The company owns a railway charter covering the valley of the Bear river and its tributaries. Mr. Elmendorf declares there are many promising prospects in those tributary creeks. He expresses the belief that with railway transportation there and possibly a concentrating mill, a mining district of importance might be developed. He suggests that during the development stage of the mines the railroad could be used to haul logs from the large timber areas of spruce which line the valleys. These timber limits are said to show 30,000 feet to the acre, but cannot be utilized now, as the river is unit for driving.

## He Knew It Wouldn't Last.

Six-year-old Harry wanted to buy his sister a little Christmas present. His heart throbbled with joy at the thought, though he had in his pocket only ten cents nevertheless, he went around the shops and came back with a very satisfying look. His mother asked him what he had bought.

"I got her a cream puff," he said. "Well, you know, Harry," said his mother, "that won't last until Christmas."

"That's what I thought after I bought it, mother," replied Harry calmly, "and so I ate it."—Ladies Home Journal.

## How He Could Get It.

After being conducted through an old church by the verger, a visitor was so pleased with the officer's courtesy and information that he insisted on giving him half a crown. The man shook his head sadly. "Thank you, sir," he said, "but it's quite against the rules."

"I am sorry for that," said the visitor, about to return the half crown to his pocket.

"But," added the verger, "if I were able to find a coin on the floor it would not be against the rules for me to pick it up."—Tit Bits.

## A Costly Autograph.

At a charitable sale in Paris once Baron Rothschild stopped at a stall conducted by Gyp, and the fair literature addressed him with the usual request to buy something. "What am I to buy?" said the Baron. "You have nothing at all suitable for me. But I have an idea. I should like to have your autograph. Sell me that."

Taking a sheet of paper, the lady wrote upon it, "Received from Baron Rothschild the sum of 1,000 francs for the benefit of charity. Gyp."

Baron Rothschild read it thanked her and handed her a note for the amount named, went away delighted with the lady's ingenuity.

## What We Are Coming To

"Is the room disinfected?" "Yes, mother; and I have sterilized the curtains, deodorized the furniture, septicized all the fixtures, vaporized the air, washed my lips in an antiseptic solution, and—"

"Have you septicized the mistletoe?" "Thoroughly, mother; everything is done. Arthur is waiting now in the hydrogen room."

"Then you may go in and let him kiss you, dear."—Lippincott's.

## INTERNATIONAL BOUT AROUSING INTEREST

Both Abe Attell and Owen Moran Close to Weight Limit—It Already

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—It is announced that Owen Moran, the English featherweight champion, will have no trouble in reducing his weight to 120 pounds for his contest with Abe Attell, the New York star. He now weighs 121½ pounds and is in fine condition. Attell also can easily make the required weight. He is down to 121.

When the match between Attell and Moran was first proposed it was conceded to be a good card, but with the time growing shorter before the fight takes place even the man who made the match is surprised at the interest manifested and the evident attention that the fight is attracting both in San Francisco and abroad.

There are several reasons, and good ones, for this condition. Attell, the holder of the title, while Moran, with the possible exception of Driscoll, is the best that England affords in that class. Class always lends favor to any line of action with a real title at stake the fans are more apt to sit up and take notice.

Again, both men are comparative strangers to San Francisco audiences, and the regular attendant can best appreciate the chance to see variety rather than the same men with whose work he is familiar. Moran has been in action since he was a regular contender, but his display only served to whet the appetites of the enthusiasts, who think he is the one man with a chance to grab Attell and his honor.

More than that, Moran has made himself immensely popular with those who have met him and the vast majority that take their views at long distance or through the columns of the newspapers. Owen likes to fight, and the crowd likes that kind of a man in the ring. In spite of the odds there will be a big crowd of rosters for the Englishman when he enters the arena.

As for Attell, although a San Francisco boy, it has been almost four years since his last fight at home. No one more than that of being popular with the masses in his own city, but with all that they have to shake their heads and admit that he can fight. The Heber boxer is a commercial pugilist, pure and simple. He is in the game for the money, but he has been winning just the same.

It was back in 1900 that Abe started his career and during that year it was one long string of knockouts. There was no one seemingly, who could stop him. Then came the reversal, not so much in form as an ability to win decisively, stop his man rather than to be contented with the decision at the end of the bout on points. In 1901 Attell won eight knockout fights in his career. During the year 1902, saw less of that. He opened with two fights with Kid Broad, the first a draw and the second a stoppage. His second defeat came at the hands of Benny Yanger, who won in nineteen rounds.

Attell was giving away weight at this time. During his career he has fought Aurelio Herrera twice, winning both contests, had a draw with Eddie Hanlon in San Francisco, won from Kid Herman and Buddy Ryan, and a knockout against Harry Forbes in St. Louis.

It is claimed that during 1904, the year in which he lost to Jack McClelland, since then he has been giving away weight. Attell took but little care of himself. At all events, he lost the same year to Brooklyn Tommy Sullivan in St. Louis, although Abe claims that he was fouled.

Since that time until last year, he has been fighting either drawn battles or getting the decision. Of late, however, he has apparently recovered the use of his punch and has been knocking away his opponents in better style. The most notable example was Freddie Weeks, who though not by any means a class fighter, is a game boy and tough to beat.

Attell has been accused, and doubtless justly so, of picking his matches and getting the easy ones. However, that may be, and there is some truth in the assertion. Attell is not singling them out when he takes on Moran. He will find a hard nut to crack if he wins, a quick boxer, who is speedy to take advantage and always ready to bore in.

There has been some speculation as to whether Attell has gone back. There is nothing on which to base such an argument, but it is heard nevertheless. The idea seems to be that he has been in the ring so long that it is time for his sun to be setting.

Not good logic by any means. The fighters who go back are the fellows who have to take a beating all the time they are winning. But the clever man, the boxer who can avoid much punishment can last, and more than that, at this time he is learning. Take Battling Nelson. He is now reaping the rewards of the beatings he took. On the other hand, Joe Gans, longer in the ring, and yet able to keep away from the other fellow, is still at the top of the list.

Attell has never been battered about much and the experience that has come in his many fights will be of great assistance to him.

## Perfumes

Sandalwood is among the very best for personal apparel; it is delicate yet penetrating, and lasts forever, its fragrance permeates, making its way into the drawers of bureau, chiffonier, etc., until everything kept in them will be sweet. A bit oforris root boiled with handkerchiefs gives them a delightful perfume.

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Twelve ounces each dried lavender flowers and rose leaves, half as much ground orris root, an ounce and a half of ground allspice, cinnamon and cloves; mix these with twelve ounces fine table salt and put into a glass jar, leave for a month to incorporate perfectly; then stand open an hour or two in a closet or within the bureau drawers. Note that the ingredients are ground, but not powdered.

Belleville will proceed to erect an isolation hospital. The wife of the late Miss Zela Gibbs of Newport and New York, names a gift of \$100,000 to St. Luke's hospital, New York.

## Dogs Cannot Reason

The dog is, no doubt, the most intelligent of our domestic animals, and I yield to none in my affection for him. I can almost eat and sleep with a fine dog winter and summer. But I try not to deceive myself about his intelligence. It seems to me that if the dog had the spark of wit akin to our own—that he had the power of reason—his association with man would have fanned it into a flame, however small. But after all these thousands of years of human companionship and love he has less wit in some respects than his wild brothers, the fox and the wolf. Having been spared the struggle to live that falls to their lot, his cunning and sagacity have deteriorated. The same is true of the horse, which has less intelligence than the wild stallion of the plains, and for the same reason. These animals do not grow wiser as they grow wild. They do not civilize or develop. We train them into certain ways that make them serviceable to us; we humanize them, while withholding their mental capacity. In other words, we cannot cross intelligence upon theirs and make it fruitful in them. The germ will not take.—John Burroughs, in the Outlook Magazine.

## A Noble Woman

Whenever a noble deed is wrought, Whenever is spoken a noble thought, Our hearts, in glad surprise, To higher levels rise.

The tidal wave of deeper souls Into our inmost being rolls, And lifts us unawares Out of all manner cares.

Honor to those whose words or deeds Thus help us in our daily needs, And by their overflow Raise us from what is low!

These are the opening stanzas of a touching little poem that has gone round all the more than once in honor of a woman. The poet was Longfellow, and the woman, typified in Santa Filomena, is Florence Nightingale, who was decorated for her services to the sick and wounded during the Crimean war. The Order of Merit. No eulogium was better won and no star or order in the gracious gift of royalty has had brighter lustre shed upon it. An invalid for very many years, she was a woman of physical and mental strain in her labors of love and intense devotion to the alleviation of human misery and suffering. Florence Nightingale is now in the late and gentle face as "the angel of mercy" was seen in every print shop and barrack room, and in many a hall and cottage, of the humane and humane "moving" circles the world. In those days of trial that came with the Crimean war, the inspiration of the poet's exordium to Santa Filomena was universal:

Thus thought I, as by night I read Of the great army of the dead, The trenches cold and damp, The starved and frozen camp—

The wounded from the battle plain, In dreary hospitals of pain, The cheerless corridors, The cold and stony floors.

Lo! in that house of misery A lady with a Lamp I see Pass through the glimmering gloom, And flit from room to room.

And slow, as in a dream of bliss, The specter sufferer turns to kiss Her shadow as it falls Upon the darkening walls.

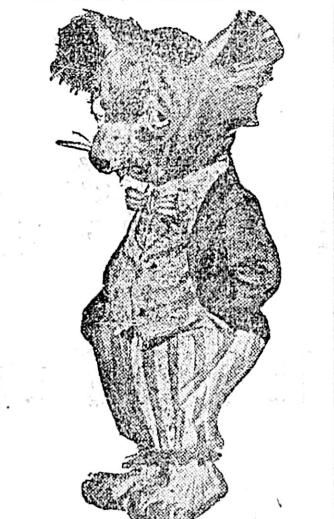
As if a door in heaven should be Opened and then closed suddenly, The vision came and went, The light shone and was spent.

Florence Nightingale was one of the splendid women of her century. The

## Hungry As a Bear and Can't Eat

If, When Mealtime Comes, You Suffer From a Yes-No Kind of Hunger, You're a Dyspeptic.

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daughter of an English gentleman, born in Florence in 1825, ten years in the best hospitals in Europe as a devoted apprentice to her life's work, the organizer and sustainer of bands of brave nurses and of the nursing department of the Scutari hospitals for the British sick and wounded, the ardent and constant worker in after years, even in her own sickroom, for the health and welfare of the soldier, the inspired and leader of sanitary commissions and sanitary and army hospital reform, the able and indefatigable writer on hospital construction and arrangements, on sick nursing in all its branches, on the sanitary condition of the army in India as well as in the Crimea, the founder of a training school for nurses—this is her record too briefly told. She was a true Daughter of the Empire. And surely with all the beneficent influences and blessings that flow from such love and loyalty—

On England's annals, through the long Hereafter of her speech and song, That light its rays shall cast From portals of the past.

A Lady with a Lamp shall stand In the great history of the land, A noble type of good, Heroic womanhood.

Nor even shall be wanting here The palm, the lily, and the spear, The symbols that of yore Saint Filomena bore. —Toronto News.

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# COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

## TRANSACTIONS FEW AND PRICES FIRM

### Wall Street Business Dwindles to Near the Vanishing Point

New York, Dec. 26.—The money situation continued to manifest its effect today by keeping down the volume of transactions in stocks, rather than by any notable depression in prices. The market was so near the point of stagnation that there was little demand for loans on call, and the quoted rate was unaffected in a degree to correspond. The renewal rate was well maintained, however.

The extension of the holiday in the London market throughout today took off a portion of the usual dealings, and aggravated the dullness of the market. Aside from the immediate course of the money market there is a persistence of some anxiety over the working out of the commercial situation over the end of the year. A favorable development in this particular is some revival, as reported, in the demands of the smaller interior banks throughout the country for mercantile paper. There was a strong rebound in the foreign market, the rate for cable transfers especially reflecting the belated demand for remittance in time for the year ending. The declaration of a dividend on Missouri Pacific, to be paid in stock, confirmed the expectation foreshadowed by the previous movement of the stock.

Railroad earnings in general were under discussion, and the prospect of their decline was a main factor in the heavy tone of the whole list. Delaware and Hudson was helped by the decision to maintain the dividend of the coming year at the last year's rate. The market was practically in a state of suspended animation during the latter part of the day, but prices yielded towards the close.

Bonds were irregular; total sales, par value, \$70,000. United States coupons advanced a half per cent on call.

#### CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

By F. W. Stevenson.  
Chicago, Dec. 26, 1907.  
Open. High. Low. Close.

Wheat No. 2—	106	107 1/4	105 3/4	107 1/4
July	98 3/4	99 3/4	98 3/4	99 1/4
Corn No. 2—	58 1/4	58 3/4	58 1/4	58 1/4
July	57 3/4	57 3/4	57 1/4	57 3/4
Oats No. 2—	52 3/4	52 3/4	52	52 1/4
July	45 1/4	45 3/4	45 1/4	45 3/4
Pork—	12 47	12 50	12 47	12 50
Jan.	12 37	12 42	12 36	12 47
May	12 37	12 42	12 36	12 47

#### NEW YORK STOCKS.

By F. W. Stevenson.  
New York, Dec. 26, 1907.  
Open. High. Low. Close.

Amal. Copper	45 1/4	45 1/4	44 3/4	45 1/4
Am. Car. Fdy.	29 1/2	29 5/8	29 1/4	29 1/2
Am. Cit. Oil	28 1/4	28 1/4	28	28 1/4
Am. Loco.	35	35	34 3/4	35 1/4
Am. Smelters	71 1/4	71 3/4	71	71
Am. Sugar	99	99	98 3/4	99 3/4
Anaconda	28 1/4	28 1/4	28	28
Atchafalpa	70 1/4	70 1/4	69 3/4	69 3/4
do pfd	81	81	80 3/4	81
B. and O.	81	81	80 3/4	81
do pfd	81	81	80 3/4	81
B. R. T.	38	38 1/4	37 3/4	38 1/4
C. P. R.	149 1/4	149 1/4	149 1/4	149 1/4
Cent. Leather	15	15	14 3/4	15
C. E. and L.	19	19	18 3/4	19
C. and O.	30	30	29 3/4	30
C. and G. W.	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 1/4	7 3/4
C. M. and S. P.	102 3/4	102 3/4	101 3/4	102 3/4
S. T. and T.	115 3/4	115 3/4	115	115 3/4
Erie	16 1/4	16 1/4	16	16 1/4
Git. Nor. pfd	115 1/4	115 1/4	114 3/4	115 1/4
Int. Paper	8 1/4	8 1/4	8	8 1/4
L. and N.	91 1/4	91 1/4	90 3/4	91 1/4
Mo. Pac.	47	47 1/4	46 3/4	47 1/4
N. Y. Cent.	89 3/4	90	89	89 3/4
N. Y. O. and W.	31 3/4	31 3/4	31 1/4	31 3/4
Penn.	110 1/4	110 1/4	109 3/4	110 1/4
People's Gas	19 1/4	19 1/4	19	19 1/4
Pr. Steel Car	19 1/4	19 1/4	19	19 1/4
Reading	92 3/4	93 1/4	92 1/4	92 3/4
Rock Island	15	15	14 3/4	15
Rock Island	15	15	14 3/4	15
do pfd	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4
S. P.	73 1/4	74	72 3/4	73 1/4
S. R.	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4
do pfd	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4
U. P.	116 1/4	116 1/4	115 3/4	116 1/4
do pfd	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4
U. S. Steel	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4
do pfd	87 1/4	87 1/4	86 3/4	87 1/4
Wabash	9 1/4	9 1/4	9	9 1/4
do pfd	18 1/4	18 1/4	18	18 1/4
W. Union	110 1/4	110 1/4	109 3/4	110 1/4
Total sales	672,300	shares.		

#### VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE.

##### Temporary Trading Stock.

	Bid.	Asked.
Alberta Coal and Coke Co.	3 1/2	4 1/2
B. C. Copper Co.	3 1/2	4 1/2
Burton Saw Works	115	125
Canadian Con. S. and R.	65.00	90.00
Caribou Camp McKinney	1.50	2.00
Domestic Copper Co.	1.50	2.00
Granby	65.00	90.00
Int. Coal and Coke	80	88
Imperial Trust Co.	100	105
Portland Canal	25	25
Rambler Caribou	19	22
Sullivan	5 1/2	6 1/2
Western Corporation	110	
Western Oil Co.	1.00	

##### Coeur D'Alene Stocks.

	Bid.	Asked.
Alameda	2 1/2	3 1/2
Charles Dickens	7 1/4	8 1/4
Gertie	2	2 1/4
Humming Bird	4	6
Gocta	2 1/2	3 1/2
Missoula Copper	5	7
Nabob	2 1/2	3 1/2
O. K. Con.	1 1/4	2 1/2
Deom Paul	5	7
Rex	1 1/4	1 1/2
Snow Storm	1.00	1.10
Stewart	50	80
Tamarac and Chesapeake	45	70
Wonder	1	1 1/2

##### Wheat in New York.

New York, Dec. 26.—Wheat receipts,	287,000; exports, 216,379; sales, 2,000.
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000; spot, firm. Notwithstanding the holidays abroad, wheat was strong and active most of the day on reports of light country stocks at American and Canadian points, big clearances and bullish Indian crop news. The market closed 1 1/2 cent net higher. May, 112 1/2 @ 113 5/16, closed 113 11/16. July 106 1/4, closed 106 1/4.

#### MONTREAL STOCKS.

By Waghorn, Gwynn & Co., 519 Grandville street, Vancouver.

	Sellers.	Buyers.
Montreal	190	185
Molson	190	185
Commerce	161	
Twin City	83 3/4	83
Mont. Heat and Power	86 1/2	86
Ogilvie's Bonds	113	
Montreal Street Railway	180	179 1/2
Toronto Street Railway	94	93
Dom. Iron and Steel, com.	39 1/2	39
Dom. Iron and Steel, com.	16	15
Can. Pac. Ry., Montreal	150 1/4	150

#### Prices of Metals.

New York, Dec. 26.—1 1/2 hr. iron, quiet. Copper, quiet. Lead, firm. \$25.00 @ 3.00. Tin, dull; straights \$26.50 @ 26.75. Smelter, quiet.

#### Wheat in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—The Winnipeg grain exchange was officially closed during today, as were also the markets of continental Europe. The pit, however, was not empty, as there was a curb market, which showed decided strength in concert with the American markets, but was otherwise quiet. The American markets opened steady, but dull, with light offerings, but gained in strength during the day. Minneapolis was a decidedly bullish market. The December advance 1 1/2, May 1/2 and July 1/4, while Chicago was up from 3/4 to 1 1/4. The Winnipeg wheat markets showed an advance of from 3/4 to 5/8. During the two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, 332,000 bushels of wheat were inspected.

#### THE LOCAL MARKETS.

##### Retail Prices

Royal Household, a bag	\$2.00	
Lake of the Woods, a bag	\$2.00	
Royal Standard	\$2.00	
Wild Rose, per bag	\$1.75	
Calgary, a bag	\$2.00	
Hungarian, per bbl.	\$7.75	
Snowflake, a bag	\$1.75	
Snowflake, per bbl.	\$6.80	
Moffet's Best, per sack	\$7.00	
Moffet's Best, per bbl.	\$7.75	
Drifted Snow, per sack	\$1.75	
Three Star, per sack	\$2.00	
Foodstuffs.		
Bran, per ton	\$20.00	
Shorts, per ton	\$22.00	
Feed Wheat, per ton	\$22.00	
Oats, per ton	\$27.00	
Barley, per ton	\$31.00	
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	\$25.00	
Cornmeal, per ton	\$38.00	
Chop Feed, best, per ton	\$27.00	

Whole Corn, best, per ton. \$36.00  
Middlings, per ton. \$30.00

#### Vegetables.

Celery, four heads	25
Lettuce, hot house, 3 heads	10
Garlic, per lb.	10
Cauliflower, each	10
Potatoes, outdoor, 3 lbs.	5
Potatoes, local, per sack	\$1.75
Sweet Potatoes, new, 1 lb.	25
Vegetable marrow, each	10 to 25
Green peppers, each	3
Chili peppers, per lb.	30
Squash, per lb.	4
Pumpkins, per lb.	4
Canflower, each	15 to 25
Cabbage, local, per lb.	5
Red Cabbage, per lb.	5

#### Dairy Produce.

Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	70
Victoria, per dozen	40
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb.	25
Neufchatel, each	10
Cremona, local, each	10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	35
Best, dairy, per lb.	35
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	50
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	50
Delta Creamery, per lb.	50
Butter, cooking, per lb.	30

#### Fruit.

Quince, per lb.	10
Grape Fruit, per dozen	1.00
Oranges, per dozen	30 to 50
Pineapples, each	30
Pears, cooking, per lb.	\$ to 10
Apples, local, per box	2.00 to 2.25
Grapes, California, per basket	60
Bananas, per dozen	75
Figs, table, per lb.	35
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	15
Raisins, table, per lb.	25 to 60
Grapes, per basket	1.00
Pineapples, each	30
Pears, per box	1.25 to 1.50
Cranberries, per lb.	20

#### Nuts.

Walnuts, per lb.	30
Brazils, per lb.	30
Almonds, California, per lb.	75
Cocoanuts, each	15
Pecans, per lb.	30
Chestnuts, per lb.	40

#### Pish.

Cod, salted, per lb.	10 to 12
Halibut, smoked, per lb.	8 to 10
Cod, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	6 to 8
Salmon, fresh, white, per lb.	10 to 12
Salmon, fresh, red, per lb.	10 to 12
Salmon, smoked, per lb.	20
Clams, per lb.	5
Oysters, Olympia, per pint	40 to 50
Oysters, Ton, per lb.	40 to 50
Shrimps, per lb.	25 to 30
Smelts, per lb.	5 to 10
Herring, kippered, per lb.	12 1/2
Pinnin Heddle, per lb.	25

#### Meat and Poultry.

Lamb, per lb.	15 to 25
Hutton, per lb.	12 1/2 to 20
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.00 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.	12 1/2 to 18
Goose, dressed, per lb.	18 to 20
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb.	20 to 25
Chickens, per lb. live weight	12 1/2 to 15
Chickens, broilers, per lb.	40 to 50
Guinea Fowls, each	1.00
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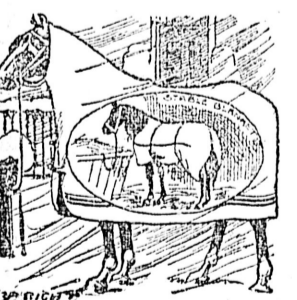
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The man who told me the first of these stories was a fully reliable witness; and, what is more convincing, I do not believe him possessed of the imagination necessary to invent that which he says he saw, and finally, he has gone beyond the great Judgment Bar, so that he is no longer available to be cross-examined. He would have stood the cross-examination perfectly. He was ready of wit and confident of what he said. When I say that he was river watcher and spy tier on the banks of the famous trip-stream, and that the nickname by which he was universally known was 'Rufus,' conformably to his coloring, I shall reveal his identity to those who knew him, and those who did not know him will give credit to his story none the more if I were to tell his patronymic. This man, then, living on the banks of the river, and knowing practically everything that went on beside it, and most things that went on in its depths, told me that the other-hounds once were out. They had taken their other up and down the river, and finally, or at least, for the time being, had lost him. Every body, both in the human and the canine sense, was looking everywhere for the other, which appeared to be absolutely nowhere, for every tuft and rush which could hold a water-rat had been examined, in case he were there; the sentries knee-deep in the shallows, communicating from the deep pool, into which they had brought the quarry, to the rest of the river, both above and below, swore that the other had not passed them; and there was no tale coming of the pool to announce the presence in it of an air-breathing animal. All were at a loss; and the looking everywhere and letting his eye wander idly over the surface of the water, this man, Rufus, the river-watcher, observed a wisp of just fading with no movement, in a placid backward. So still idly and without any definite intention or expectation, he put his pole under the wisp and lifted it, and instantly from wisp, a little black object went down below the surface, sinking stealthily. Rufus said, and I can believe it well, that had a man less used than himself to the water, he would have been deceived by the thought of a deception of the eye, a wisp of the stream. But Rufus knew, he knew that it was no less than the nose of the other just breathing above the surface, while the rest of its body was below, hidden in the water. He knew that he had started the other again, for this is the other's way—no lie hid, so with only the nostrils above water—but this particular other could not escape the same luck twice in one day, to find a wisp of the water, in the narrative of fact, which he told well. I believed my friend the watcher implicitly. But then he began to tell me a story, explaining the intention in the other's mind, and here I disagreed with him altogether. For his belief was that the other, finding the water this wisp of hay, newly cut and washed down by the current from a field or two above, had observed to himself, 'This is a wisp of new-mown hay, which smells strong; and if I breathe it, the wisp will not catch my scent.' I do not say that it is impossible that in generations of hunted life the other may not have acquired the instinct to put its nose for the necessary breath into the midst of some highly scented stuff, if it had the luck to find it ready, but the probability, as it seems to me, is stronger that the choice of such scented material was only a lucky chance—that it saw the wisp floating, and was impelled by the blind instinct to put up its nose beneath it, rather than to open water. All that I believe, and an instance of the other's artfulness it is sufficiently striking; but that the other's mind was so comparative study, which Rufus's theory requires, I do not believe. It asks too much.

Another instance of the artfulness of a hunted thing makes almost a larger part of the story, though it is no like question of comparative smellology is involved; yet this story certainly was told by a man who loved the truth better than the effect of a fiction. He was Master of Harts and told me that on one occasion, having lost his hare in the neighborhood of a pond, and the hounds being able to make nothing of the scent, he had started the hare at point of drawing them off and giving it up as a bad job. When he detected some very small object, for which he could not at first account, in the pond near the water's edge, then looking more closely, he saw it to be the nose of the hare, which the animal thus allowed to come above the surface of the water, while it had wedged in and kept all the rest of its body below. It was playing, in fact, exactly the trick which the other is fond of playing, except that the nose of the hare was in the water, resting with its feet on the floor of the pond, while its nostrils only were above in the air. The Master waded in and caught it with his hand, and in honor of its subtlety gave it so good a start before laying on the hounds again that they never overtook it. Instances are numerous of the hunted hare taking to the water, and even to the open sea, but this of the submerged hare playing at the other's game is surely most uncommon, though both hares and rabbits are good swimmers and will often swim short distances even without the stress of the hounds behind them. Some who have hunted both will tell you that the hare is a far more cunning creature than the fox, though the latter has no doubt the quality to his credit in common estimation. In this connection it may be noted that the most cunning of all the woodland creatures, according to the word of Uncle Remus, is 'Old Brer Rabbit,' and one of the animals on which he most successfully practices his cunning is 'Brer Fox'; and the so-called 'rabbit' of the Southern States of America is not a rabbit according to true classification. He is much more nearly allied to our hare.

The red-deer stag, again, is not an animal to which much intelligence is credited generally, although his extreme alertness is what gives zest to stalking, and often sends the stalker home in despair; yet he, when hunted, has a trick by which he often saves his life. If a stag is heavily pressed, and finds a smaller one of his own kind lying in covert he will force up this smaller fellow from his lair and lie down in it and occupy it himself, keeping close while the hunt goes by him and on the pursuit of the fresh one. It is, of course, not easy to rate the degree of intelligence which this proceeding indicates. It is not probable that the stag makes any mental forecast of the result which will follow from his action, or realizes that he is providing a scapegoat for himself. May be there is no more in it than that he sees a smaller fellow in a nice warm bed, and feeling wearied, is impelled to rout him out of it and lie down himself in the ready-made and rest-warmed form. But the stag, the psychological process may be, it is notorious that the action often has the effect of saving the big stag's life. The idea of gagging a stag, especially, and the red-deer, a big stag and a little stag are often seen in company in the forest all through a stalking season, and when the small stag is killed, the big stag is the more alert, jumping up first when danger approaches, and so giving the alarm to the big stag, for all the world as if he had been ordered to watch while his elder and better slept or rested. The notion of posting a sentry on guard is common to a good many of the great beasts of the forest, and perhaps to birds which go in flocks, and it is not difficult to see how an arrangement so useful to the species, permitting so many to feed while one keeps the look-out might be evolved in the course of ages by the survival of the fittest.

It was a number of years ago, probably eight or nine, when Prof. Knight was connected with the experiment station of the University of Maine that he first heard of his lost mine. At that time he didn't know that it was a tin mine. Really he had no idea that the metal was at all valuable. The first he heard of it was one morning when a black and brown pebbles, was received from a man up in Aroostook county, with a request that they tell him about it.

It was not the business of the station to examine articles of this character, so Director Wood wrote the man telling him that the members of the staff could not do it free of charge, but that if he would send a tin mine, not very much, to pay the trouble, some member of the staff would do it in his own time.

Nothing further was heard from the man who sent the samples; and Professor Knight put the phial away, marking it "Northern Maine—Aroostook county," and the man lost a fortune. It is contained in what is called the bottle the man sent a letter in which he stated he had found the pebbles on the bottom of a stream, and that there were a great many of them there. He thought they must be of value because they were much heavier and of different color than the other pebbles.

Professor Knight never again thought of it for years. Years afterwards, probably five or six, he was going through some old pamphlets, books and papers, which he had been sorting from the station with him, and came upon this small bottle labelled "Northern Maine—Aroostook county." He had just been analyzing some samples of tin, and noticed the similarity which the pebbles bore to it. Of course, the resemblance to the tin which he had been coming to the station and the man falling to send a fee to pay for the analysis. Under the circumstances, he determined to see for himself what it was.

He went to work, and the result of his experiments was the discovery that the pebbles were pure stream tin. The tin was contained in what is called the washed down from some deposit of oxide of tin over which the stream flowed. When this occurs, the oxide is washed off the bottom of the stream, and what is left is known as stream tin. The fact that the man who sent the samples said that there were tons of the pebbles indicates to the mind of Professor Knight that the deposit from which they came is a very large one.

When he made the discovery, Prof. Knight realized that could it be located it would be a deposit of considerable value, at once sought to find it. The quest was hopeless.

The explanation of Professor Knight's failure to locate the lost mine of Aroostook county, Maine, is easy. It was never there, but there is good reason to believe that it exists on this side of the border. In one of the back settlements of Aroostook County, Maine, the writer remembers seeing over forty years ago, in the possession of the Irish settlers there, a quantity of pebbles of this very nature, the unusual weight of which comparatively with their size attracted his attention. On enquiry, however, he learned that they had been brought home by one of the young up boys, and that the family, who could not say just from where but they thought from some point in the neighborhood, and as the writer neither knew the value of such materials, nor took any interest in the subject at the time, he did not press his inquiries further, and the matter dropped. Nor would he recall it now, but for the reason that he had been told that this young man did not long after-

wards removed with the rest of the family, and where he married and settled down and resided until a few years ago, when he died. It seems not at all unlikely that his family carried some of the strange pebbles from their old home in this province to their new one in Maine, and that the man who sent them to Professor Knight was identical with the grown up son referred to. However that might be, it might be worth while for explorers and prospectors, as well as residents of the region along the border between this province and Maine to keep a sharp lookout for the lost tin mine.

There is every reason to believe that tin will be also located some day in the northern hinterland of this province beyond the height of land. The late Mr. Richardson, who was the late Sir William Logan's ablest assistant in the early days of the geological survey, who was also a Cornish man, and who visited that region over forty years ago, stated on one occasion that he was sure that tin would one day be found there in large and paying quantities, as he had noticed splendid indications of its presence in the neighborhood of Great Lake Mistassini.

The Huron Indians of Lorette have also a tradition that somewhere in their country, at or near Lake Trois Saumons, in rear of St. Jean Port Joli, there is a rich mine in chabarr, the ore from which quicksilver and other very rare and valuable metallic products are extracted. For years, within the last half century, one of their chiefs, either Vincent or Paul, used to exhibit to visitors calling upon him at Lorette a phial containing a small quantity of quicksilver, which he claimed had been accidentally found in the neighborhood of Lake Trois Saumons by the spouse of one of the members of the tribe who was out hunting or fishing in that locality. As the story went, this woman went down to the river to draw water, and while she was drawing water, when she noticed a strange silvery looking substance oozing from a rock on the shore.

Although its distinctness astonished her, she managed to collect a small quantity of it in a bottle, which she preserved and gave to the chief on her return to Lorette. Doubt has been cast upon the veracity of this story by an assertion that quicksilver in the fluid state is seldom or never discovered, but this is apparently not the case, for there are records to show that under certain conditions of exposure and great heat, eluvium may be transformed by the natural process into quicksilver. However that may be, the one thing certain is that the spot where the Indian woman made, or claimed to have made, the discovery has never since been located, although it has been diligently and repeatedly sought. The woman's harvest was taken back to the locality years afterwards, when the importance of her find was fully realized, but her memory had faded, and the many changes had taken place in the interval, that she entirely failed to recognize and point out the spot, so that the quicksilver discovery must also be placed in the category of lost mines.—Quebec Telegraph.

"The Clash of the Generations." is the striking title under which the Spectator reviews a remarkable book called "Father and Son" (Heinemann, 8s. 6d. net). This book has no author's name, it is alleged to be by Mr. Edmund Gosse, the critic, and Mr. Edmund Gosse, the father, "an honest human of science," as Huxley called him.

This book would not have been written—because the events would not have happened—if there had prevailed in the Gosse household that conception of the Bible and religion which Mr. Courtney outlines with so much aptness in the introduction, that she mind in "The Literary Man's Bible." The "Father" was a strenuous Calvinist, with a strong, gloomy view of life; a believer in verbal inspiration, in the wickedness of joy. The "Son" was an only child, whose mother died when he was a boy—a boy of sensitive spirit, with ill-health, but with a detachment and penetration of mind remarkable in one born in a Calvinistic home.

With such a contrast a "clash of the generations" was inevitable. Such clashes are by no means uncommon, but they are full of poignant misery to all concerned. On the one hand is the natural affection for a parent and the desire to spare pain and grief to the other, and on the other hand is the "inward must" which compels obedience to the law of growth and the soul.

Mr. Gosse offers his book "as a document, as a record of educational and religious conditions which, having passed away, will never return. It offers, too, a study of the development of moral and intellectual ideas during the progress of infancy. The book is an extraordinary mixture of comedy and tragedy in the situation which is here described and those who are affected by the pathos of it will not need to have it explained to them that the comedy was superficial and the tragedy essential." Parents may well ponder this book with care. The Father was nearly thirty-eight and the mother was past forty-two when they married. "In this strange household the advent of a child was not welcomed, but was borne with resignation. The event was thus recorded in my father's diary: 'E. delivered of a son. Received green swallow from Jamaica.'"

At a very early age the Son got into theological trouble. His parents insisted that "if anything was desired you should not lose any time in seeking for it, but ask God to guide you to it. Very well; I had need of a large painted humming bird which I had seen in a shop window in the Caledonia Road. Accordingly I introduced a supplication for this object into my evening prayer, carefully adding the words: 'If it is Thy will.' This caused trouble, and his father told him not to pray for things like that. But the boy argued 'Why?' and declared that 'I needed the humming bird to a great deal more than I did the conversion of

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"Early in the afternoon the maids kindly remarked that 'the poor child ought to have a bit, anyhow,' and wheeled me into the kitchen, where I ate a slice of plum pudding. Shortly I began to feel that pain inside which in my frail state was inevitable, and my conscience smote me violently. At length I could bear my spiritual anguish no longer, and bursting into the study I called out: 'Oh, Papa, Papa, I have eaten of flesh offered in idolatry.' His father regarded the keeping of Christmas as an act of idolatry. 'The very word is Popish,' he used to exclaim. 'Christ's Mass!' When the boy explained what had happened 'My father sternly said: 'Where is the accused thing?' Then, taking the boy by the hand, he ran into the kitchen and, seizing the pudding, ran to the dust-heap and 'flung the idolatrous confectionery on to the middle of the ashes, and then raked it deep down into the mass.'"

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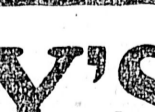
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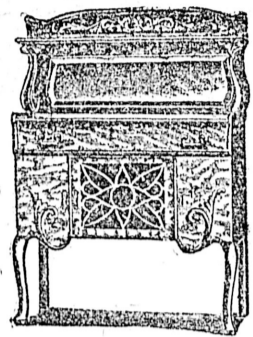
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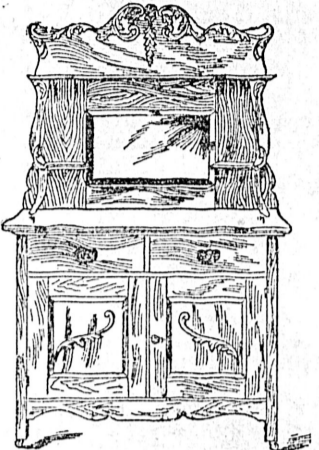
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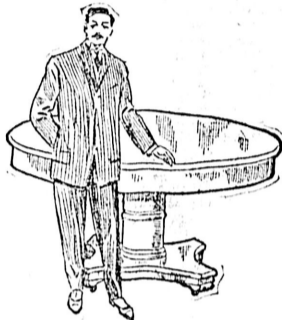
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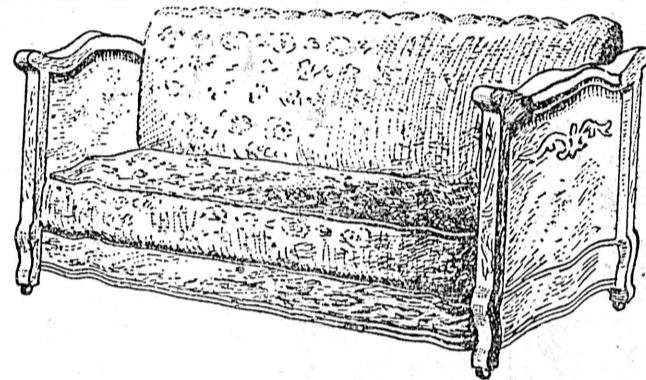
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## New Japanese Mattings

This week witnessed the arrival of an immense shipment of Japanese Mattings. They are in reds, greens and blues, in a most satisfactory range of design and economically priced, at per 40-yd. roll, \$9.00, or, per yard . . 25¢



## Handsome Davenports From \$50.00 Up

Our showing of Handsome Davenports is extremely diversified, all made of the best quality materials, while the workmanship put into them is the very best that could be had. Below we are quoting a very nice one, but come in, there are many more to be seen which will interest you.

## Solid Oak Davenport \$50.00

This is a splendid piece of Furniture. It is made of solid quarter cut oak, highly finished, is exactly the same as illustration shown, and is covered in fancy velour. Price . . . . \$50.00

## Extra Special Saturday

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, in colored and plain white. Saturday, each . . . . 2¢  
Ladies' Handkerchiefs, Reg. 20c. Saturday . . . . 10¢  
Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs, in boxes, half dozen in box. Regular 75c and \$1.00. Saturday . . . . 50¢

## Special Opportunities Await You in the China Department Saturday

REG. VALUES UP TO \$1.00, FOR 10¢ AND 25¢

CHINA TEAPOTS, fancy shape, painted roses, etc. Worth 75c. Saturday . . . . 25¢  
BAVARIAN CHINA HANDLED BON BON TRAYS, rose decoration. Regular 50c. Saturday 25¢  
JAPANESE SALTED ALMOND DISH. Regular 75c. Saturday 25¢  
JAPANESE TEAS AND SAUCERS, in coral red and green colors. Oriental designs. Regular \$1. Saturday . . . . 25¢  
JAPANESE TEAPOTS, in fancy shapes and patterns. Regular \$1. Saturday . . . . 25¢  
JAPANESE SUGARS AND CREAMS to match. Regular \$1 each. Saturday, each . . . . 25¢  
JAPANESE WATER JUG, rose decoration, heavily gilt. Regular \$1. Saturday . . . . 25¢  
BAVARIAN SUGAR AND CREAM SETS, highly decorated. Worth 50c. Saturday, pair . . . . 25¢  
CHINA TEAPOTS, SUGARS AND CREAMS, blue decoration. Saturday . . . . 50¢  
CHINA BULB HOLDERS AND STANDS. Regular \$1. Saturday, each . . . . 10¢  
ENGLISH SPILL HOLDERS in best English China, painted and gilt. Saturday, each . . . . 10¢  
JAPANESE SUGAR BOWLS. Regular 20c. Saturday . . . . 10¢

JAPANESE CUPS AND SAUCERS, in assorted sizes, shapes and patterns. Regular \$1. Saturday each . . . . 10¢  
TANKARD CREAMS, in rich blue designs. Regular \$1. Saturday . . . . 10¢  
MARMALADE JARS AND STANDS, Oriental designs. Regular \$1. Saturday . . . . 10¢  
AUSTRIAN CHINA SHAVING MUGS. Regular 25c. Saturday . . . . 10¢  
JAPANESE BON BON, assorted. Regular 25c. Saturday . . . . 10¢  
JAPANESE BREAD AND BUTTER PLATES, Oriental decoration. Regular 50c. Saturday . . . . 10¢  
AUSTRIAN BREAD AND BUTTER PLATES, rose decoration. Regular 35c. Saturday . . . . 10¢  
JAPANESE BON BON TRAYS, assorted styles. Regular 35c. Saturday . . . . 10¢  
AUSTRIAN SPOON TRAYS, decorated. Regular 25c. Saturday 10¢  
JAPANESE CREAM JUGS. Regular 20c. Saturday . . . . 10¢  
JAPANESE FRUIT DISHES ON FEET. Regular \$1. Saturday, each . . . . 10¢  
AUSTRIAN BERRY DISHES, decorated. Regular 25c. Saturday . . . . 10¢

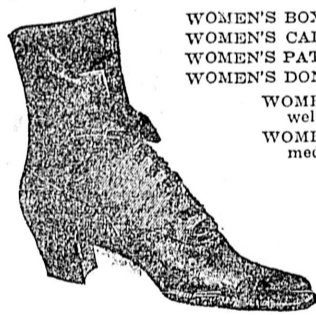
## Extra Special Bargains in Confectionery for Saturday

Saturday we are clearing all filled Boxes of Chocolates at greatly reduced prices.

Reg. 35c Boxes, Saturday . . . . 25¢  
Reg. 50c Boxes, Saturday . . . . 35¢  
Reg. 75c Boxes, Saturday . . . . 40¢  
Reg. \$1.00 Boxes, Saturday . . . . 65¢  
Reg. \$1.25 Boxes, Saturday . . . . 85¢  
Reg. \$1.50 Boxes, Saturday . . . . \$1.20  
Reg. \$2.50 Boxes, Saturday . . . . \$1.75

## Shoes Marked at Prices That Touch Your Purse Lightly

Our showing of Men's Footwear for wet weather is complete in every detail, and when buying a pair of shoes here you may rest assured that you are getting the best possible value for the money expended. It is a hobby with us to see that everybody leaves this store satisfied with what they get. This is true in every respect when purchasing footwear in our popular shoe department.



WOMEN'S BOX CALF LACE BOOTS, welted sole. Per pair . . . \$3.00  
WOMEN'S CALF LACE BOOTS, heavy sole. Per pair . . . \$2.50  
WOMEN'S PATENT COLT BUTTON BOOTS, welt sole. Per pair . . \$6.00  
WOMEN'S DONGOLA KID LACE BOOTS. Per pair . . . \$2.50

WOMEN'S CORDOVAN LACE BOOTS, Blucher cut, welt sole. Per pair . . . \$6.00  
WOMEN'S KID BLUCHER LACE BOOTS, low heel, medium weight sole. Per pair . . . \$3.50

WOMEN'S GERAU AND SON, soft sole, lace, button and low shoes, for tender feet, complete lines in stock.

MEN'S VELOUR CALF BLUCHER LACE BOOTS, welt sole. Per pair . . . \$4.50

MEN'S BOX CALF BLUCHER LACE BOOT, welt sole, waterproof sole. Per pair . . . \$5.00

MEN'S TAN CHROME CALF LACE BOOT, Blucher cut, waterproof sole and uppers. Per pair . . . \$7.00

MEN'S BOX CALF LACE BOOTS, leather lined, heavy sole. Per pair . . . \$3.50

MEN'S STANDARD LACE BOOT, heavy sole. Per pair . . . \$2.50

MEN'S ENGLISH CALF LACE BOOT, heavy sole. Waterproof. Per pair . . . \$6.50

MEN'S KANGAROO BLUCHER LACE BOOTS, welt sole. Per pair . . . \$5.50

MEN'S OIL GRAIN LOGGERS' BOOTS. Per pair . . . \$4.00

MEN'S BOX CALF BLUCHER LACE BOOT. Per pair . . . \$3.00



BOY'S VELOUR CALF BLUCHER CUT LACE BOOT, welt sole. Per pair . . . \$3.00

BOY'S VELOUR CALF LACE BOOTS, dull matt kid top, welt sole. Per pair . . . \$3.50

BOY'S HEAVY BOX CALF LACE BOOTS, waterproof sole welted. Per pair . . . \$3.50

BOY'S OIL GRAIN LACE BOOTS, standard screw bottoms, heavy welt weight sole. Per pair . . . \$1.75

## Extra Special Saturday

We are placing on sale Saturday a handsome lot of fancy Pincushions. They are made of silk, with glass tray and ring holder. Regular values up to \$3.50. Special for Saturday, each . . . . \$1.00

A poor dressmaker can make an ugly gown from good material. The cutting is as important as the goods.

## Hurlbut's French Poplin

is not only the most beautiful of writing papers, but the cutting of the sheets and envelopes have given to it a style and "smartness" which appeals to the discriminating buyer of stationery.

May we not show you this celebrated paper? The price is, per box . . . . 25¢



## A Splendid Showing of Men's Head Dress

Everything that's nobby and stylish is included in this vast assortment. Every face can be suited from this superb stock, which includes stiff and soft styles, direct from the world's foremost manufacturers, such as the Stetson, King Borsalino, Noxall and numerous other reliable makes, and it will be greatly to your advantage to favor us with a visit before purchasing elsewhere. Prices range from \$1.00 up to . . . . \$7.50

## How About a Good Sweater for the Boy

We have just received and have on show a splendid line of Boys' Sweaters, just the thing for this changeable weather, in the latest golf style, with buttoned on shoulder, made of fancy knitted wool, in sizes from 1 to 6, in colors of navy and cardinal and trimmed with brass buttons, at, each . . . . \$1.50

## Our Carpet Department

On the Second Floor is at present showing a beautiful assortment of Carpets, Rugs, etc. Every thing direct from the world's most foremost manufacturers is to be seen here, and includes all the very latest and unique designs, with all moderately priced.

## Visit Our Oriental Tea Room

On the third floor, when fatigued and have a cup of our special blend of Tea, "Mem Sabe Tea" is noted for its fine flavor and aroma, and for refreshing you nothing can beat a good cup. It is also for sale at, per lb. . . . . 25¢

## EXTRA SPECIAL FROM THE TOY DEPARTMENT FOR SATURDAY

Beautiful Dressed Dolls, Regular Values up to \$8.50. Special Saturday, \$1.00

ON Saturday we are placing on sale a splendid and handsome assortment of beautiful dressed dolls. These are dressed in printed muslins, satin and velvets, trimmed with ribbon and lace. Included in this lot are dolls which represent nearly all nations, dressed in their national costumes, and are just the kind that will please the little ones, and on Saturday we are offering you an exceptional opportunity to purchase them at a tremendous saving. The regular prices were \$2.75 to \$9.50. For quick clearance Saturday we have marked them down to the surprisingly low figure of

\$1.00 Each



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